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Region is high on hit-list for UKIP

UKIP is to target MPs' seats in the Black Country after its success in European and council elections.

The party's spokesmen in the West Midlands are to talk with leader Nigel Farage about putting the area among 20 to 30 target seats in which it will 'ruthlessly' campaign in 2015.

The Black Country and Cannock Chase have some of the key marginal seats both Labour and the Tories need to win if either are to have a chance of forming a majority government. It comes after the party won the European Parliament election - the first time in modern history that the most seats were won by neither the Tories or Labour.

UKIP also gained 21 council seats in Dudley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Cannock Chase and Wyre Forest last week. They won seven in Dudley and three in Walsall, where they prevented Labour from gaining an outright majority.

Douglas Hansen-Luke, the Tory candidate for Walsall North, has been working to unseat long-serving Labour MP David Winnick. He said: "Walsall North has moved unmistakably to the right with 52 per cent of the electorate supporting either ourselves or UKIP."

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Bridge work closure bid

DRIVERS will face diversions when a busy main route is closed overnight.

The A34 Birmingham Road viaduct in Great Barr, which links to Walsall, will be partly shut between June 9 and June 14, between 8pm and 6am.

The road will be closed eastbound between June 9 and June 11, and westbound between June 12 and June 14, to allow Amey to work on a bridge expansion, and traffic will be diverted along the M6 junction seven gyratory road.

TRIBUTES FLOOD IN FOR LEADER

Active Theresa's 100th milestone



Theresa Done, from St Peter's Court, Bloxwich, celebrates her 100th birthday with staff member Jackie Smith

AFTER a lifetime of swimming and running, fit-as-a-fiddle Theresa Done has celebrated her milestone 100th birthday.

She regularly swam until her 80s and still remains active by doing seated exercise classes. Mrs Done, who was born in Old Pleck Road, Walsall, only moved into St Peter's Court in Bloxwich aged 92.

The mother-of-one enjoys art classes, bingo sessions and socialising with friends at the Accord Group-run apartments in Harrison Street. She celebrated her birthday with friends and family and a party.

Theresa ran a greengrocer shop on the corner of West Bromwich Road in Walsall with her husband John Humphries for 12 years from 1936. The family sold the thriving business, which employed four staff, to settle in Shropshire before moving back to Walsall in 1952, where Theresa worked as a shop assistant until her retirement in 1977.

Teresa was married to her husband John for 56 years before his death in 1993. Son John Humphries, said: "Mum was a runner and swimmer when she was younger and was still doing 25 lengths of the pool up until her 80s."

"She would also go to a keep fit class every week, which we think has helped to keep her healthy." St Peters Court is made up of more than 30 apartments for adults aged 55 or over who are able to live alone, but may need some day-to-day support. It is managed by the Accord Group which manages 13,000 affordable homes and provides services, including care and support, to 80,000 people."



Theresa as a young girl

POLITICIANS have paid tribute to Councillor Tim Oliver, who died aged 56, of cancer at the weekend, shortly after he helped Labour take control of Walsall Council.

The Labour group leader had a key role in shaping the party manifesto, despite being seriously ill.

Friends hailed the work he had done during his 12-year stint as leader and said his legacy would be remembered for years to come.

His deputy, Councillor Sean Coughlan, said: "Our condolences at this time go to Tim's loved ones. My friend was a socialist, conviction politician and community activist. Up to his last days he never stopped striving for the causes he held dear."

Labour MP for Walsall North David Winnick said: "Tim wasn't one that was eager to promote his own personality and he was the last politician you would describe as a self-publicist."

Passionate

"However, he was totally committed throughout his political life to improve the lives of ordinary people in this borough. Tim will certainly be missed by us all."

Councillor Ian Shires, leader of the Liberal Democrats in Walsall, added: "It's a sad loss to us all. He was formidable in debate and passionate in his beliefs."

Born in Wrexham, councillor Oliver was elected in the Birchills and Leamore ward in 1996. Councillor Coughlan added that even through illness in his final days, he worked on the Labour Party's manifesto for the May elections and continued working to safeguard



Councillor Oliver, who lost his battle with cancer

Palfrey Community Association's future.

"He believed that politics was not about oneself but about others. He thought that securing the best deal for ordinary people was a duty not a choice."

Mayor of Walsall Councillor Mohammad Nazir said one of his greatest achievements was 'getting the party working together as a group' and added: "He was a true man of the people."

A keen cricketer, Councillor Oliver was former captain of Walsall Health Cricket Club's Sunday team. Team mate Rick Jarman said: "On the field Tim was a colossus, amazing with both bat and ball and a reluctant but successful captain for several years."

Bloxwich East Labour councillor Kath Phillips said: "He was a lovely man and a brilliant leader."

Police HQ is in line for move to centre

WALSALL'S town centre police station is set to close and officers moved into the council's civic centre to cut costs despite an outcry over the plans.

It has emerged the council is also interested in taking over the police station when officers leave. Police bosses revealed that detailed talks are being held for the moves to go ahead. The West Midlands force announced last year that the move was one of its options as part of a review of the region's bases.

Up to 200 officers would relocate to the Darwall Street civic centre from the station in Green Lane. The current Bloxwich Police Station would become the borough's main headquarters.

Senior figures had raised concerns that a police presence would be lost in the heart of the borough.

Plans for a new £13 million HQ in the town centre, which was initially earmarked for Hatherton Street, are being scrapped.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Caroline Schubert said: "The plans are currently being reviewed to ensure the best value for both the council and West Midlands Police."

Council leader Mike Bird said the council would look to take over the police station but did not know what it would be used for.

Bostin' tune to download

THE lyrics speak with a patriotic passion to herald all that is bostin' about the Black Country. And now people can purchase the anthem for themselves.

Black Country folk band The Empty Can have this week released their ode I Vow to Thee, Black Country as a charity single. It has been named the official song for Black Country Day on July 14 and can be downloaded from Amazon at 99p a time. See www.blackcountrypopfestival.weebly.com

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Boy bit by dog as travellers set up

A TEENAGER was bitten by a dog believed to belong to an illegal travellers camp which set up on a derelict former housing estate.

The 15 year-old schoolboy was taken to hospital and treated for a leg wound sustained on land off the main Goscote Lane in Walsall. Caravans settled on the former Goscote estate more than a week ago and an order had been issued for them to

move on. Police were called at just before 7.40am last Tuesday following reports of a teenager being bit-

ten. He was discharged later with what has been described as a 'minor leg wound.' Landowners Walsall Housing Group have served the notice on travellers who have accused of playing a "cat and mice" game by a ward councillor.

Two camps with a total of nine caravans and associated vehicles were first reported on the old Goscote Lodge Crescent highway on Monday May 12.

Some moved on but Walsall Council was forced to seek a court order forcing the five caravans from the land. But they had then moved onto the grass land, which is the responsibility of Walsall Housing Group,

so a fresh notice to vacate the area needed to be prepared.

Blakenall councillor Pete Smith said he was concerned a dog had been free to roam and inflict such an injury. "They play this cat and mouse game. Because the 'highways' on the old Goscote estate is council-owned but the land where the houses once stood is WHG land," he said.

Metal waste plant could create 20 jobs

A RECYCLING plant to process up to 75,000 tons of metal a year could be built on a site in Brownhills, under latest plans that could create 20 jobs.

Birmingham-based Tandom Metallurgical (Midlands) Ltd wants to expand and relocate to Apex Road. The site, around 1.5km west of Brownhills town centre, is currently occupied by a building in poor condition.

Driving on with park cars show

HUNDREDS of classic cars will go on display at Walsall Arboretum during an annual show which has been running for 24 years.

The Classic Car and Transport Show is organised through Walsall-based Transtar Promotions and regularly attracts thousands of people to the town's well-known park off the Broadway on July 27.

Last year's show featured more than 500 motors including Austin, Morris, Hillman, MG and Buick models.

One of the oldest cars on display was a 1930s Morris Oxford Saloon and organisers are promising plenty of rare delights for enthusiasts again this year. It is run by Transtar Promotions, set up by collector Geoff Prices.

Classic car shows have also been held by Transtar Promotions at the Shugborough Estate near Stafford and at Catton Hall near Lichfield. And Mr Price stages a regular toy fair at Oak Park Leisure Centre in Walsall Wood.

His world record collection of miniature vehicles is nearing 13,000.

Admission is £4.50 for adults and senior citizens and £2.50 for children. Gates open from 10.30am until 4.30pm.

According to the plans lodged with Walsall Council. It was last used by Wernick Event Hire as a storage and distribution depot for its portable accommodation until 2009.

The disused warehouse was set alight by arsonists a year ago in a severe blaze which was tackled by 25 firefighters.

The plans have revealed that the company wants to relocate because it is outgrowing its present site in Eyre Street, Birmingham.

The firm collects waste metal mainly from industrial or construction and demolition outlets.

A report, submitted with the planning application to Walsall Council, reads: "This metal is brought to the site in bulk on eight-wheeler or articulated vehicles, and tipped at specified areas of the yard.

"The site personnel will sort the metal into the many grades required to be supplied to their sister company for further processing. Both manual sorting and the use of cranes and mobile grabs are used.

"The sorted material is placed in designated bays constructed around the north and south-eastern boundaries of the site."

The plans state that the disused warehouse would be re-clad, a weighbridge would be installed and cranes and forklift trucks will be used in the yard. A mobile cropper and a baler will also be deployed from time to time, according to the plans.

Trio are on song for contest



Winners Alesi Summer, aged 14, Amelia Cornforth, 14, and Tiffany Scotland, 16

A TALENT show to give aspiring singers and musicians a helping hand raised £300 for a charity for young people.

Willenhall's Got Talent competition was set up to give young performers an avenue to showcase their abilities.

The event held at the town's Gilbert's bar saw three singers Alesi Summer, 14, of Birmingham; Amelia Cornforth, 14, of St Thomas More RC School; and Tiffany Scotland, 16, of Pool Hayes Arts & Community School both based in the town walk away

as the joint winners after the judges were unable to split the scores.

Alesi sang Christina Aguilera's Bound To You, Amelia sang the Rihanna hit Stay and Tiffany sang Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colours.

Organiser Diane Coughlan says: "It was another fantastic night, always amazed at the level of quality from such young people, the judges could not split three singers so we had three joint winners. We also raised £300 for our charity."

Increase in video sex chat blackmail

PROFESSIONAL blackmailers are luring men in the Black Country into online video sex chats and then threatening to post the footage on the internet unless their victims pay thousands of pounds into offshore bank accounts.

The details have emerged after police in the West Midlands received eight such reports in recent months, involving men from Walsall, Wolverhampton and Dudley.

Detectives say offenders usually target their victims by adding them as a friend on social media sites such as Facebook or by befriending them in internet chat rooms. They will then flirt with their victims and lure them into video conversations, usually on Skype or FaceTime, during which both parties engage in sexual acts.

The offender will then send a message to the victim requesting cash. They also attach a screen grab of the video as proof they have the footage and threaten to post it online if the money isn't paid.

In the West Midlands, boys and men aged between 14 and 46 have been targeted by the offenders since the beginning of this year.

Bike rides organised

A SERIES of bike rides will set off from Walsall and South Staffordshire this weekend.

CTC Walsall will set off with a group from the Chasewater Innovation Centre on Saturday at 9.30am.

Meanwhile, a 75-mile bike ride will set off from TSB, in Anchor Road, Aldridge, on Sunday at 8.30am.

Call 07587 180437 for more information.

A 49-mile cycle ride will set off from the same location an hour later.

Call 07941 452738 for more details.

Country walk

THE Walsall group of the Ramblers will be heading to Ticknall, near Burton upon Trent for a seven-and-a-half mile walk on Sunday.

The group will walk on paths and country lanes. Non members are welcome to join and can call the walk leaders on 01922 642597.

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Making a splash at parks in summer

WATER fun has returned to parks in Walsall for the summer.

Visitors can now make the most of the splash pads and water play feature at Walsall Arboretum right through to September 5.

Opening hours are from 11am to 5pm at weekends, during the current Whitsun school holiday and the main school summer holidays.

It will be available 11am to 3pm on weekdays between those two holidays. At Willenhall Memorial Park and King George V Playing Fields in Bloxwich, the water features are open from 10am to 4pm.

They will stay open throughout this week's holiday and then be open on Saturdays and Sundays between 10am and 4pm. They will be available to use throughout the summer holidays from July 19 to the start of September.

Last year bumper crowds flocked to all three parks to enjoy the water play features which visitors are reminded will operate as long as weather permits.

People can call the parks hotline with any enquiries on 01922 654370 and follow Arboretum ranger Mark Hopson on Twitter@ArboRangerMark for updates.

Three peaks climbers call

MIDLANDS Air Ambulance is looking for volunteers to take on the Three Peaks Challenge.

The organisation has arranged the challenge, which will see entrants climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon, scaling a total of 3,500m in just 24 hours. The event takes place on August 8 and registration costs £100 with a sponsorship target of £500 per person.

Events manager Michelle McCracken said: "Fund-raising events like this are vitally important." To register call 0800 840 2040 or email michelle.mccracken@midlandsairambulance.com.

Ride cash boost

STAFF and members of PureGym Walsall raised £60 for British Heart Foundation by taking part in a cycle challenge, completing 146 miles on exercise bikes in eight hours. Members of the public who took part were thanked with a free day pass to the gym.

Fare way to check on health of workers



The National Express new 'Health Buzz' is launched

A BUS has been transformed into a doctor's surgery that will tour garages across the West Midlands.

National Express says the 'Health Buzz' is the first of its kind in the transport industry and is equipped to perform a host of medical assessments including blood pressure, eyesight and diabetes tests as well as minor treatments such as holiday vaccinations and flu jabs.

The company's 5,500 staff can see fully trained nurses at their place of work as it tours 10 garages.

The 15-year-old bus was converted by engineers at the Walsall garage, in Carl Street, after a survey revealed staff wanted more to be done to help them keep healthy.

Bosses also plan to let community groups use the bus for free. Bus driver Sammy Khumalo was the first member of staff to use the Health Buzz having his blood pressure and lung capacity checked.

He said: "I only go to the doctors when it's serious and would never go for a general health check. I think

the bus is a really good idea." Madi Pilgrim, HR Director for National Express UK Bus said: "The Health Buzz sums up everything that is great about this business. It is an innovative project based on staff feedback, built by local engineers and delivering real benefits to our employees."

"The reaction to the Health Buzz has been amazingly positive, we cannot wait to get the vehicle out on its tour of our 10 local garages and give our 5,500 employees the opportunity to use its great facilities."

Setback for son after mother's kidney gift

By Charlotte Lilley

IT was supposed to be the gift of life when Nathan Black's 70-year-old mother Adrianne donated one of her kidneys.

But just two weeks before he was due to be given the all-clear, the 45-year-old found himself in hospital with complications.

The toxins in his body had begun to rise and not enough blood was going to his new kidney.

The father-of-three, from Brownhills, was forced to undergo three ultrasound scans, a biopsy, an MRI scan and an angiogram, which confirmed the organ was being starved of blood and as a result was slowly dying.

After 10 days in Birmingham's QE Hospital, doctors made the decision to remove the kidney and on May 1 it was taken out.

Mr Black is now back on dialysis three times a week, four hours a day, at Samuel Johnson Community Hospital in Lichfield.

Experience

The hospital performs 600 transplant operations a year, 200 of which involve kidneys. Only one in 20,000 patients across the country experience their kidney being killed off in this way.

"Unfortunately I was one of those statistics," said Mr Black. "It was a big shock and I was absolutely devastated, as was my mum."

"I was two weeks away from being signed off from hospital and being free to go and enjoy myself."

It was in 2005 that Mr Black's kidneys began to fail after he picked up a disease that went undiagnosed.

He received the transplant from his mother in February and has since been receiving counselling to help him come to terms with what has happened.

"My girlfriend and my



Adrianne and Nathan Black

friend are going to get themselves tested to see if they are suitable matches but I cannot have another transplant until August so that my body is ready for it."

Mr Black is back on the donor waiting register along with 6,000 other kidney patients.

He is now urging people to get themselves tested to see if they could be a potential match and wants to encourage more people to sign up to become a donor.

Mrs Black of Tudor Road in Burntwood, said she would go through the procedure again if she could to help her son.

"The transplant made such a fantastic difference to Nathan during the 10 weeks it was in place."

"The difference a successful transplant makes is just wonderful to see."

NEWS in brief

Just the ticket for specials on beat

A DOZEN new volunteer police officers are now patrolling the buses, trams and trains of the West Midlands, as part of a scheme to crack down on crime.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones said the Special Constables had just completed their training, and were now supporting the regular officers serving on the public transport network.

The initiative forms part of the Safer Travel Plan.

Litter collection to focus on issue

VISITORS to a town centre will be asked to guess how much litter has been collected as part of a series of environmental awareness events.

People will be challenged to estimate the weight of rubbish picked up in 24 hours in Walsall.

Environmental health teams will be out and about in the town centre on June 5 from 10am to 2pm. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of the importance of respecting the environment.

More acts sign up for festival

MORE acts have been confirmed for a Walsall music festival. The free Bands on the Beacon is taking place on July 6 and a range of performers have been confirmed.

Tom Davies, Enticement, Regale, Dave Luke and Chuck Micallef and Khalif have been signed up for the show. The bands will perform from 12.30pm to 6pm and is the fifth such event to be held.

Roadworks in place on route

DELAYS are expected as 11 days of roadworks are carried out on a major route through Aldridge.

Temporary traffic lights will be installed on the A452 Chester Road near the junction of Mill Lane for building work on houses there. The traffic lights will be in operation from 9.30am to 4pm from June 2 to 13.

Walk to help cause

A SPONSORED walk is being held at Walsall Arboretum to raise money for Diabetes UK. A three or five stroll is being held on June 8 from 11am. To sign up, at £5 per adult, visit www.diabetes.org.uk



Tony and Marie Newton take a seat among the lush vegetation of their garden

Blaze of colour at open garden

HUNDREDS of visitors flocked to an award-winning garden in Walsall over a two-day period when it opened to the public and raised more than £1,600 for charity.

Marie and Tony Newton opened up their Four Seasons garden at Buchanan Road to more than 400 visitors on Sunday and Monday.

Azaleas, acers and conifers gave a stunning tapestry of bright colours and bold contrasts and visitors also enjoyed the other features of the garden including bridges, water features and stone ornaments.

Mrs Newton, aged 64, said: "Some of the visitors came up from Kent and the south coast. We got an unbelievable reaction. People were just gobsmacked. It was humbling. Lots of nice comments have been left in the visitor's book."

The garden has won a host of awards in recent years, including the Garden News national competition in 2010. It has also been featured on the BBC's Gardeners' World TV show and Radio Four's Gardeners' Question Time.

On Sunday live music was provided by The Adan Project.

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IN the never-ending debate about diet and health, this is one viewer's email to a BBC discussion: "I am over 60 and have drunk full-fat milk and eaten butter all my life. I weigh 10 stone and my oil pressure is normal."

I MAY have the solution to all these thugs wandering off from open prisons. The Government should simply announce the creation of HMP UK. The entire land-mass of Great Britain would become an open prison and a convict would be deemed to be at large only when he escapes to a foreign country. And then he's somebody else's problem.

INTERESTINGLY (a word which sometimes indicates nothing of interest is to follow), during the entire Second World War, only one German prisoner-of-war made it out of HMP UK and back to Germany. Franz von Werra, a Luftwaffe pilot and persistent escaper, was shipped off to Canada where he leaped from a train, crossed a frozen river and surrendered to the authorities in the United States, which was then neutral. He was repatriated to Germany, resumed flying, crashed into the North Sea on a routine flight and was killed. Not such a great escape.

THE housing crisis is caused by two issues. Firstly, houses are in short supply. Secondly, they are too expensive. Or so we are told. A sceptical reader in his 70s writes: "Hang on. Can anyone remember a time when houses were cheap and plentiful?"

MORE suggestions for a collective noun to describe a gathering of colorectal surgeons. One reader suggests a rearguard. Another proposes an asset.

THE Prince of Wales likens President Putin's behaviour over Ukraine to Adolf Hitler's takeover of eastern Europe. So which one has the German ancestry and the son who wore a swastika armband?

A Kite-swapping sex party allegedly held in a mansion in Wente was provided, according to the organisers, for the "sexual elite." Or, as we used to call them, adulterers.

SINGING the praises of the 5:2 diet, a Daily Telegraph reader tells us that Ethiopians, who fast two days per week, have been practising this diet for centuries. What he doesn't tell us is that life expectancy in Ethiopia is about 60.

DAVID Attenborough has admitted that the famous BBC 1924 broadcast of a cellist playing to an accompaniment of nightingales may have been faked. If so, it was only the first of many little deceptions. In the 1930s the hugely popular George Bramwell Evens, better known as "Romany of the BBC," presented a series of wildlife rambles. Romany's rambles were actually recorded in a studio. A pile of old film stock was rustled to create the sound of walking through bracken. I refuse to get outraged at such practices. If programme makers had to present real events in real time, wildlife documentaries would bore the pants off us

I WROTE about some unusual motorway gantry signs. A reader tells me he spotted HIGH RISK OF DEER ON ROAD in that well-known bucolic paradise and nature reserve, Glasgow.

THE clinical, agonising but oh-so polite dissection of Ed Miliband at the hands of Radio Wiltshire presenter Ben Prater is almost too painful to bear. A few well-chosen questions revealed that the Labour leader had no idea who runs the local council or even who leads the Labour opposition on the council. Miliband emerged as a prize chump. After a performance like that, I don't give much for his future. Ben Prater's future, that is.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

The winners and the losers in battle for votes in local and European elections

Labour takes control of council – but only just

Report by Lisa O'Brien

LABOUR took control of Walsall Council during a tightly-fought contest, which saw the Conservatives lose power for the first time this century and UKIP gain three seats.

However, the authority continues to have no party with an outright majority of councillors as Labour fell one seat short and must now rely on support from independent councillors if it is to force through its policies and pledges in the coming year.

The area was the last of the Black Country boroughs not to be in Labour's hands before polls closed at 10pm last night and the party had sent high-profile politicians, including leader Ed Miliband and shadow health secretary Andy Burnham to rally support.

Administration

But the party only managed to win two more seats than it had previously. – taking the total to 30 out of 60.

The Conservatives lost two seats to Labour and one to UKIP, while UKIP also won seats from the Liberal Democrats. It means that Labour now have 30 seats, Conservatives 21, Liberal Democrats three, Independent two, UKIP three and Democratic Labour one.

Deputy leader of the Labour Group, Councillor Sean Coughlan, said it paved the way for Labour to form an administration. He said: "As the night started it was really difficult to predict. The whispering suggested all sorts of things would happen. We got two seats from the Conservatives. It puts us in a position where we can form an administration. I'm sure UKIP are pleased with their results too."



A happy Councillor Rose Burley, right, after hearing she has won Bentley and Darlaston north



Standing Conservative Councillor, during the count, but he retained his seat in Streety

Husband and wife UKIP candidates Darren and Liz Hazell both took seats in the Short Heath and Willenhall North wards, while UKIP made another gain in Brownhills.

Liz Hazell said: "It's been a 10-year battle but we got there. We are the minority but we are going to work with the council. We are here to work for the residents."

Mr Hazell added: "I'm overwhelmed. It was close but we've been trying to do this for a long time. It's fantastic to be there."

Labour candidate Aftab Nawaz, who took hold of St Matthews, said: "It was a clean fight and I want to thank my opponents and agent."

Labour Councillor Kath Phillips, who retained her seat in Bloxwich East, said: "I'm very proud of the people who have supported me. It's wonderful. Despite all the hype from

UKIP, our supporters still stayed." Conservative Anthony Harris, who retained his seat in Aldridge North and Walsall Wood, said: "I'm elated. We've concentrated on local issues."

Labour's manifesto included a pledge to create apprenticeships for young people, cut councillors' allowances by 30 per cent, cut the number of senior managers and increase pay for council staff on the minimum wage, paying them the so-called 'living wage' of at least £7.65 an hour

The future is purple, says MEP Etheridge

THE UK Independence Party has been basking in the sunshine of success in the European Parliament elections, despite one of their three new West Midlands MEPs making umbrellas for a living.

But while UKIP enjoyed their victory with seven seats up for grabs in the region, there was nothing for the Liberal Democrats to celebrate having lost their only West Midlands seat in the Brussels parliament. Labour, meanwhile, doubled its tally of MEPs.

The Conservatives won two seats having previously held three. Former UKIP MEPs Mike Natrass and Nikki Sinclair, who both formed breakaway Eurosceptic groups, also lost their seats.

Newly-installed Dudley Councillor, Bill Etheridge, has had a double celebration after winning the votes to become a UKIP MEP.

Mr Etheridge, aged 44, had already stood as UKIP's candidate to be the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner in 2012 but came fourth behind Labour, the Tories and an independent candidate.

The victorious Mr Etheridge declared: "The future's bright, the future's purple."

And he said he would continue to serve as a local councillor, despite his new job in Brussels.

Newly elected MEP Jill Seymour, aged 56, declared that voters were 'fed up' of the 'same old rhetoric and spin' as she celebrated with supporters and her husband Brian, aged 77.

Umbrella-maker and fellow new MEP James Carver, aged 44, has been with UKIP since 1996.

Newly-elected member Neema Gill, aged 57, was an MEP for Labour from 1999 to 2009 but lost her seat in the last election. Second on Labour's list was Sion Simon, aged 45, the former Erdington MP.

Meanwhile, Tory MEP Philip Bradbourn, aged 62, has now held his seat in Brussels since 1999. Anthea McIntyre, aged 59, was not elected in the 2009 poll but got her seat after officials within the European Parliament decided the West Midlands should have another seat.

A ward-by-ward look at where voters put their crosses

Birchills Leamore

Lee Jeavons (Lab)* 1,194
Gary Edmunds (UKIP) 854
Gazaffer Ali (Con) 707
Bob Ball (BNP) 140
Lab Hold. Majority: 340

Blakenall

Ian Robertson (Lab)* (New can.) 1,026
William Cummings (UKIP) 701
Dave Church (Independent) 452
Thomas Havemann-Mart (Con) 223
Lab Hold. Majority: 325

Bloxwich East

Kath Phillips (Lab)* 1,079
Gary Timmins (UKIP) 856
Mark Statham (Con) 605
Steve Baggott (Ind) 75
Lab Hold. Majority: 223

Bloxwich West

Louise Harrison (Con)* 1,151
Richard Coley (UKIP) 919
Matthew Ward (Lab) 886
Alan Davies (Independent) 102
Chris Newey (I'm English, Not British, Not European) 61
Con Hold. Majority: 232

Short Heath

Darren Hazell (UKIP) 859
Carol Fletcher (Lib Dem)* (New candidate) 723
Mark Pultord (Lab) 567
Peter Washbrook (Con) 552
UKIP Gain. Majority: 136

Willenhall N

Liz Hazell (UKIP) 978
Val Woodruff (Lib Dem)* 834
Anja Ilmann-Walker (Lab) 671
Ben Gray (Con) 430
UKIP Gain. Majority: 144

Willenhall S

Diane Coughlan (Lab)* 1,482
Philip Howell (UKIP) 923
Ramirth Singh Uppal (Con) 513
Anne Willoughby (Lib Dem) 118
Charles Haywood (English Democrats) 69
Lab Hold. Majority: 559

Aldridge central and south

John Murray (Con)* 1,813
Kyle Duckers (UKIP) 1,051
Corrie Ann Halford (Lab) 743

Roy Sheward (Lib Dem) 202

Aldridge north and Walsall

Anthony Harris (Con)* 1,272
David Cooke (UKIP) 1,041
Bob Grainger (Lab) 766
Mark Greaveson (Lib Dem) 126
Con Hold. Majority: 231

Brownhills

Stephen Craddock (UKIP) 1,251
Lauren Davies (Lab) 875
Vivienne Aston (Con)* (New candidate) 730

UKIP Gain. Majority: 376

Pelsall

Oliver Bennett (UKIP)* 1,155
Graham Eardley (UKIP) 931
Sim Mayou (Independent) 631
Balvir Kaur Dhilon (Lab) 312
Con Hold. Majority: 224

Phaesey Park

Christopher Towe (Con)* 1,379
Steven Grey (UKIP) 1,164
Ashley Lovell (Lab) 728
Con Hold. Majority: 215

Rushall

Claire Crews (Lab) 1,012
Ron Carpenter (Con)* (New candidate) 921
David Wycherley (UKIP) 903
Alan Paddock (Independent) 43
Lab Gain. Majority: 9

Streety

Eddie Hughes (Con)* 2,041
Paul White (UKIP) 1,165
Raaj Shami (Lab) 609
Con Hold. Majority: 876

Bentley and Darlaston north

Rose Burley (Lab)* 1,458
Alan Rudd-Eventt (UKIP) 963
Mushtaq Ahmed (Con) 639
Mohammed Yaqub (Lib Dem) 54
Lab Hold. Majority: 495

Darlaston S

Paul Bott (Independent)* 1,227
Peter Burton (UKIP) 902
Wendy Collins (Lab) 849
Jane Lakin (Con) 178
Ind Hold. Majority: 325

Paddock

Gurmeet Sohal (Con)* (New candidate) 2,201
Nasar Ali (Lab) 1,793
Derek Bennett (UKIP) 928
Glyn Fletcher (Lib Dem) 142
Con Hold. Majority: 408

Palfrey

Mohammad Nazir (Lab)* 2,664
Mohammad Yasin (Con) 1,493
Michael Brownridge (UKIP) 575
Brian Powell (Independent) 102
Lab Hold. Majority: 1,171

Pleck

Harbans Singh Sarothi (Lab)* 1,959
Mohammed Yaqub (Con) 983
Elizabeth Peers (UKIP) 590
Mozammi Khan (Lib Dem) 259
Mark Dabbs (Independent) 193
Lab Hold. Majority: 976

St Matthews

Aftab Nawaz (Lab) 1,883
Jas Johal (Con)* (New candidate) 1,819
Gerry Mahoney (UKIP) 558
Stephanie Peart (Independent) 98
Lab Gain. Majority: 64

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Workshop backing from top industry

ENGINEERING firms have backed moves to create a new £300,000 college manufacturing workshop.

They say the Walsall Council facility will provide a "vital link" between education and industry.

The capital investment will see the new workshop launch at the Green Lane Campus in September.

Mark Stones, training and apprentice co-ordinator at Perkins Engines Company Limited, said: "Engineering is an important industry in the UK and it's critical that we provide the right opportunities for people to become skilled engineers."

"Today's engineering and manufacturing environment utilises the latest technologies to drive innovations and implement new solutions, which benefit each and every one of us. Workshops such as this one at Walsall College are ideal, as they provide an apprentice with the fundamentals, enabling them to progress to a more technical role."

David Pearson, of Caparo Industries which employs more than 2,000 staff over 42 UK sites, added: "This new workshop will provide another vital connection between local manufacturers and education."

Walkers call for Rosie day

WALKERS are being reminded to team up and raise funds for an Aldridge charity set up in memory of a schoolgirl who was stabbed.

Rosie's Charity Walk and Festival is taking place at Aldridge Airport on July 13 in aid of Rosie's Helping Hands - set up in memory of 16-year-old Rosie Ross, who was stabbed to death in Birmingham in 2001.

People are being asked to team up with friends, family and work colleagues to take part. The walks, which are for one or three miles, set off at midday. The theme of this year's walk is flower power.

New salon due

A NEW town centre hair-dressing salon is to open, creating up to 10 jobs. Bad Apple Hair is to launch in Bridge Street, Walsall, under the proposals.

The change of use application has been granted by Walsall Council planning officers.

Jail on hold for motorcyclist who hit girl

A MOTORCYCLIST who hit a 10-year-old girl on a pedestrian crossing, catapulting her into the air and leaving her with a fractured skull, has been handed a 12-month driving ban and a suspended jail sentence.

Demi-Lee Broadway spent time in a wheelchair and was unable to do physical activities for two months after being struck by the motorbike in Bentley Road North, Walsall, as she walked home.

Sean Sconce had overtaken a bus and was on the wrong side of the road as he hit the schoolgirl on his Suzuki GSXR 600 just after midday on September 28 last year,

Walsall Magistrates Court heard last week. Mrs Rachael Smith, prosecuting, said a bus stopped at the crossing after the driver saw Demi-Lee and eight-year-old sister Ruby waiting to cross.

But CCTV on the bus captured 25-year-old Sconce overtaking the vehicle before hitting Demi-Lee, who had been to the shops with her younger sister.

She told the court he had been travelling at an average speed of 38mph. The schoolgirl suffered a compressed fracture to the skull and her ankle was in a cast for eight weeks. She was forced to use a wheel-

chair for six weeks, but her skull has since healed and with no permanent damage. The County Bridge school pupil drifted in and out of consciousness and was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital.

She was kept in hospital for five days before being discharged. Mrs Smith said: "Both the girls are now very scared of the road. As for Demi, she is more so of motorbikes. They say this incident has had a massive effect on the family."

Sconce, of Wrexham Avenue, Bentley, pleaded guilty to causing serious injury by dangerous driving at an earlier hearing.

Mr Brij Chaudhry, mitigating, said Sconce had assumed the bus had stopped at a bus stop, which was only a short distance away from the pedestrian crossing.

He said: "This is not a genuinely irresponsible driver. He made a mistake. He is paying the consequences for that."

Chairman of the bench, Mr Simon Hallam handed Sconce a 16-week prison sentence, suspended for 12 months, with a requirement to carry out 300 hours unpaid work. He was also given a 12-month driving ban and told to pay £120 costs and £80 victim surcharge.

Burglary victim, aged 90, confronted thief with stick

A FEISTY 90-year-old burglary victim swung her walking stick at a thief - her next door neighbour's son - who sneaked into her home to steal money.

Drug addict and bricklayer Philip Devey, aged 37, only managed to get away with loose change after walking into the property, in Attlee Road, Bentley, in January.

Robber is jailed for 22 months

A SNATCH thief who grabbed a handbag from a woman shopper has been jailed for 22 months.

Marcus Carvell was desperate for money to buy drugs when he struck in Bridge Street, Walsall, a judge heard.

Victim Kate Cook was looking in a shop window with the bag slung over her left shoulder when she felt a violent tug on April 6, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told last Monday.

"The strap broke and she fell to the ground screaming 'he's just robbed me,'" explained Mr Phillip Beardwell, prosecuting.

Other shoppers gave chase and one of them caught the 28-year-old thief 150 yards down the road, the court heard.

Mr Aftab Rashid, defending, said: "This was an opportunistic offence. He had missed an appointment for his Methadone prescription and was 'rattling' from withdrawal symptoms."

Carvell from Tantarra Street, Chuckery, Walsall, pleaded guilty to robbery and was sent to prison by Judge Amjad Nawaz.

But it was revealed at Wolverhampton Crown Court that it was not the first time that he had targeted the victim, his parents' next door neighbour.

He was jailed for 42 months in 2000 for a string of burglaries including the home of the same pensioner, who was injured during that incident. He admitted burglary at the hearing.

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said: "This defendant was very well known to her. They had been next door neighbours for many years. 'At about 9.30pm on January 7 she went upstairs to the bathroom. As she came back downstairs she saw a shadow by the living room.'"

He said the pensioner headed him off and confronted Devey. "She swung her walking stick at him. When she checked her purse containing loose change had been stolen."

Mr Stephen Cadwalader, defending, said Devey, of Horseshoe Crescent, Phaehey, had sporadically taken drugs, but had a new partner and was more stable.

Judge Advocate Michael Elsom jailed Devey for 16 months, suspended for 12 months, for a 12-month exclusion order from the victim's property. He must also attend the Thinking Skills programme and pay £100 victim's surcharge.

New multi-million pound health plans



An artist's impression of the new health complex which would be built at Corporation Street in Caldmore

A MULTI-MILLION pound medical centre to serve up to 35,000 patients has been proposed to transform a former factory site.

The £6 million complex has been earmarked for Corporation Street, Caldmore, and would create around 30 jobs.

The scheme includes two GP surgeries, pharmacy, dentist, chiropodist, physiotherapist and an opticians.

There are also plans for a new dialysis centre and nurse and blood service.

Work could start in July depending on the scheme getting the go-ahead from Walsall Council, and take between 18 and 24 months to complete.

The 33,000ft development is being put forward through Lighthouse Developments, which has been in contact with NHS England over the plans.

It could see completely new operators move in or existing practices from within the borough moved to the purpose-built complex. Existing buildings and vacant houses which form part of

the application site will be demolished under the proposals, which include around 50 car parking spaces.

A firm plan is being put to the council, six years after Lighthouse Developments directors Mohammed Barkat and Ijaz Hussain started working on the project.

The site was formerly occupied by a factory, which closed down around 15 years ago. It has only been used as a builder's year and for car storage since then.

Roadworks in place for project

MOTORISTS are having to cope with weeks of delays and diversions with roadworks in Bloxwich.

A road closure is in place for the sewer connection project which is being carried out along Reeves Street which is a main cut through between the High Street and Leamore Lane.

Traffic is being redirected towards High Street with restrictions between the junctions of Station Street and Nursery Road. Chiefs have warned it could take three weeks.

Row over debt attack admitted

A MAN has admitted an attack on another man in a row over a debt.

Danny Aiken, aged 38, of Harvesters Way, Short Heath, last week faced a charge of grievous bodily harm with intent against David Southam on November 30 last year.

The case, heard at Wolverhampton Crown Court, relates to an incident at the Red Lion, in Wolverhampton Road West, in Willenhall.

It was adjourned for reports until June 16.

Fire crews called to hospital bed fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a psychiatric hospital in Walsall to tackle a blaze involving a bed.

Eight patients had to be evacuated after the blaze broke out in a resident's bedroom at Dorothy Pattison Hospital, in Alumwell Close, at around 7pm last Monday.

Crew commander Jason Mace, from Walsall fire station, said: "We attended after the alarms went off."

Fun and fitness with town event

A FIT and fun day takes place in Bloxwich today, Thursday, featuring a range of activities including climbing tower, face painting and a tombola. It takes place at Mattesley Court, Crosswell Crescent, from 10am to 4pm.

There will be an opportunity to enter the Mossley Big Local Survey with a chance to win £100.

Covers scheme

MORE than 70 gully covers worth tens of thousands of pounds needed to be replaced across Walsall, during a 12 month period, figures have revealed. This was due to thefts and necessary replacements.

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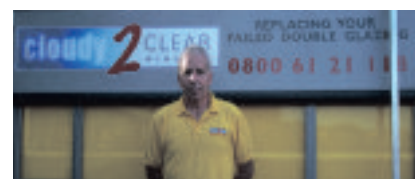
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WITH MARK ANDREWS



JOOLS Holland speaking ahead of his visit to Wolverhampton: "To me there is no such thing as bad music. There is just music which you haven't really got into yet." Hmm. There speaks a man who has never heard Foster & Allen singing Rock Around The Clock.

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THE Education Secretary has reportedly caused a storm by calling for American novel of Mice And Men to be dropped from the GCSE syllabus. According to the Department for Education, Michael Gove wants to see more emphasis on British classics.

Now I know very little about English literature, but remember reading Of Mice and Men And Men at school. And insofar as any work of fiction has ever touched me, I did find it mildly moving. So to dismiss it as unworthy simply because it comes from another country seems a touch narrow-minded. However, when we read that book at school, we were 13 and 14 years old. It was part of our third-form studies, not our O-Levels. Another example of dumbing down in our exam system?

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TAXI drivers in Russia have come up with a novel way of dealing with passengers who don't pay their fares. Cabbies in the city of Nizhny Novgorod have taken to tearing off the clothes of fare dodgers, and then dousing them in blue paint. Which I imagine is quite a scary sight for revellers just pouring out of the clubs, who suddenly find themselves being confronted by a group of angry, naked smurfs. Still, I think this idea has got potential, and deserves a trial in this country. Now about those drivers who ignore the one-way system at Tesco...

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OURS weren't the only elections last week, by the way.

While we have endured endless coverage of Messrs Farage, Cameron, Miliband and Clegg, the people of the Ukraine have also been to the polls. And while we have elected a bunch of Euro MPs who will spend the next five years debating the merits or otherwise of wonky bananas, the Ukrainians have elected the owner of a chocolate factory. Now, of course, few people in Britain would want to swap their lives for those in war-torn Ukraine, but you have to say they have got the better deal this time. They get Willy Wonka. We get the Oompa Loompas.

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LONELINESS among the over-65s could be tackled by training more older people to use the internet, a think tank has suggested.

What, like all those bubbly, outgoing teenagers who spend their lives in darkened bedrooms tapping away at computer screens?



Kenny Craig has lined up in charity football



Kenny Craig with Wham! star Andrew Ridgeley



Meeting boxer Frank Bruno in Sedgley in 2008

Showbiz Kenny's 35 years of fun

LEE WATTON meets Black Country entertainer Kenny Craig, who has marked a milestone in the business

MEETING Tom Jones, playing football against Chris Tarrant and appearing on Crossroads – these are just some of the highlights in the colourful career of entertainer Kenny Craig.

And as he marks 35 years in the business, the performer says he is just as enthusiastic now as when he first started out.

Over the course of his long career, the Sedgley entertainer has had the chance to travel from his native Black Country to venues in Vancouver, Malta and Spain.

And while on his travels, he has rubbed shoulders with some of the top names in the music industry.

Kenny, who started playing the guitar, aged 10, says one of his fondest memories is being asked to play in a football team alongside music legends Roy Wood, Jeff Lynne and Bev Bevan at the Molineux.

"It was a testimonial to Derek Dougan," he said. "We were playing against a team made up of the Tiswas presenters including Chris Tarrant.

"It was amazing and because so many kids wanted to see the Tiswas team there were nearly 23,000 there which is very rare for a testimonial.

"Jasper Carrott played as well and singers like George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley came down to watch.

"After the match there was a reception at Wolverhampton Civic Hall and Bev Bevan asked if I would like to play in another fundraising match down in London. They were great times."

And following the game in London, Kenny added more big names to his tally of showbiz encounters, meeting Electric



Kenny Craig, from Sedgley, who has sung with big stars such as George Michael

Light Orchestra and Black Sabbath manager Don Arden, the father of Sharon Osbourne.

He has also met sporting stars such as Frank Bruno and even got the chance to meet Hollywood legend Tony Curtis when the singer introduced the Electric Light Orchestra at a gig in London.

And he even came face to face with legendary Welsh singer Tom Jones when the star performed at Beacon Radio to promote a single. "He was a really nice and chatted to a lot of people," he said. "It would have been a real

pleasure to sing with him as I have performed a lot of his material in my own act over the years. All of the performers I have met have been very genuine. Not one has ever acted the star."

But it is not just the music world that Kenny has been involved in, taking supporting roles in Boon, Soldier Soldier and Crossroads.

On Boon, he got to perform opposite star Michael Elphick, while on Crossroads, he was one of a gang who robbed a security van which contained the hotel staff's wages. "I have always

wanted to do as much as possible and I really enjoyed my time on those sets," he said.

"Although, music has always been my main passion. That is what I love doing and still get a buzz from being on stage.

"I am as enthusiastic today as I was in my 20s. It has been a smashing career and has been very good to me."

Kenny knew he wanted to pursue music from an early age and was supported by his parents Jack and Ivy and brothers Roy, John and Malcolm.

He also credits a teacher at Willingsworth High School in Tipton for helping him to pursue his love of music.

"Her name is Elizabeth Mills and I still speak to her occasionally," said Kenny.

"She was good to all of us in the early days when we were first learning to play guitar."

Combination

Kenny first formed a group called the Tiptones before moving on to another band called Revival.

When Revival split, Kenny took some time off from performing but soon got 'itchy feet' and went solo, performing songs by Tom Jones, the Beatles and The Shadows.

He also started working on some gags to help make him 'a little bit different' from other performers.

It proved to be a winning combination for the singer who went on to win a number of local entertainment awards including the West Midlands Entertainment Council's artist of the year.

Kenny, who also supports good causes including the Tipton Tree of Light appeal, said he had enjoyed a wonderful career and had no plans to quit any time soon, adding his thanks to his agent Jake Elcock.

"My career has taken me a lot of places including Malta, Lanzarote and Spain. I don't think anyone would pass up the chance to perform in warm countries," he said.

POLITICS

WITH DANIEL WAINWRIGHT



IT'S about time councils scrapped this system of electing a third of its members three years out of four.

When control of councils are on such a knife-edge as Walsall was, and indeed still is, it does nothing to provide stable or long-term plans.

County councils went to the polls last year and everyone went up for election at the same time. They now know what they have to deal with for the next four years. A year on from those elections, those councillors are currently immune from the ups and downs of politics.

Whether UKIP's successes in the metropolitan boroughs of the Black Country was a blip, a protest or the start of something new and different in politics, it won't make a difference in Staffordshire's County Hall.

Contrast that with somewhere like Walsall, where a coalition of Tories and Lib Dems were clinging on by a thread until Thursday and had only set out cuts for the next year, rather than the coming five as has happened in Wolverhampton where Labour had too many councillors to shift.

Being stuck in a coalition is no political party's idea of a good way to run local government but knowing that, for better or worse, it has to last a long time at least forces everyone to knuckle down and get on with it.

As it stands, Walsall has to go through all this again next year. Labour will try to make friends with some independents. The Tories will try to find common ground with UKIP.

Was it the leaders who were the biggest liabilities on polling day? Whether it was Ed Miliband's messy attempt to eat a bacon sandwich, David Cameron ringing for a chat or Nick Clegg in a Birmingham cash-and-carry they have gone to great lengths to appear in touch.

The attempt generally fails thanks to the stage-managed public appearances and army of aides and advisers who guide them about.

Nick Clegg said three times in Brum that leaving the EU would be 'economic self-harm', as though he were crow-barring in prepared sound bites to any question where it might just about work. Ed Miliband got a standing ovation in Walsall, twice – but that's easy when the only people invited to the meeting are people already on the Labour mailing list.

And David Cameron ringing the Express & Star himself, rather than having an aide do it then pass him the phone, was so perfectly 'normal' it had to have been pre-planned. Nigel Farage, meanwhile, is not remotely normal – for a politician. He's a wealthy, public-school educated former banker but smokes and knocks back the pints. The mainstream party leaders should start not trying abnormally hard to be normal.

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Is it not time parking bays were wider to accommodate today's wider vehicles, and prevent damage to our cars? Or are councils being greedy, cramming as many cars on car parks for the revenue, and supermarkets as many as they can for custom.

A PARKER, Willenhall

Great War memorials on website

WITH it being the centenary of the beginning of the First World War, I know many people are taking a keen interest, with many families across the nation having suffered during that dreadful conflict.

For 10 years I have been involved with an organisation known as The War Graves Photographic Project. We have, through volunteers worldwide, built up a collection of photographs of British and Commonwealth war dead headstones and memorials.

The images are of both world wars and other conflicts, including those remembered in the UK.

The organisation has on its website over 1.7 million images from around the world, with most countries covered. This is with the approval of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The website is www.twgpp.org.uk and searches can be made by individual name or by the cemetery.

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Care was not there for my dying mother

I READ an article on care of the dying in hospitals. My experience is that there isn't any care. In 2012, my mother was 97 and admitted to New Cross and Walsall Manor hospitals on several occasions. She suffered from dementia, was clinically blind and deaf. She had several mini-strokes. In September she was at New Cross and it was obvious she had not got long to live.

A doctor said she was clinically fit to go home. Even though she was on a drip, needed 24-hour care, could not feed herself and, because of her needs, was unable to return to the residential care home where she lived. I had to find a suitable nursing home, so she could be discharged. When I

had found a nursing home, which was in Great Wyrley, the hospital sent a member of staff in a taxi to the home with an air mattress so my mother could be discharged.

Even though I had protested to the doctor that in no way was she fit to be discharged, she was discharged to the nursing home and died within 24 hours. Can someone tell me how less 'clinically fit to be discharged' can you be if you die in less than a day?

Apart from the distress of being moved about whilst in the process of dying, she went to a different coroner's area and problems occurred where they were even considering an autopsy.

B TAYLOR
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Respect is being lost

I WRITE in response to the article about school pupils calling teachers by their first names.

The professor who has come up with this idea must be daft. She says calling teachers sir or miss is outdated and sexist, and they should be called by their first names. Surely this is taking even more respect and authority away from the teacher.

Sir and miss has worked perfectly well for decades. These so-called academics who have come up with this idea need their head examining as there is too little respect for teachers already.

Surely the teacher needs to have some authority and be distanced from their pupils to obtain the respect that they need, being called by their first names puts them on the same level as the pupil.

I HUNTER, Willenhall

Fire move a poor one

AS readers may know, over the past few years Walsall Housing Group has been carrying out modernisation at many of its properties.

This work often includes new windows, new bathrooms and kitchens. However, one of its money-saving alterations is making tenants' lives a misery, with classy gas fires being replaced with cheap electric ones. Of course, this will save WHG money on the annual service contracts, but I cannot understand what use an electric fire can be in this day and age.

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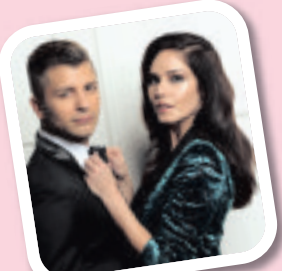
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Hundreds of homes on way at vacant site

MORE than 150 homes will be built on long-term derelict land under new multi-million pound regeneration plans, it has emerged.

A mixture of apartments, bungalows and houses are being planned for Silver Court Gardens in Brownhills as part of a £17m scheme. Walsall Housing Group is behind the ambitious proposals.

The organisation is preparing to submit an application to council chiefs this month.

The site has been standing empty for around a decade after previous residential blocks were demolished. It forms a main part of steps to breathe new life into the area and build, new modern properties.

Bungalows

Mark Tranter, head of development at Walsall Housing Group, said: "As a continuation of our Brownhills regeneration programme plans are in place to build a large mixed tenure scheme in partnership with Kier comprising 157 new build homes at Silver Court Gardens, in Brownhills.

"The £17 million scheme will be completed in three phases and includes 45 one and two-bedroom apartments and bungalows for general need, 62 one and two-bedroom apartments for over 55s and 50 homes for sale. We will submit a detailed planning applica-

tion, which is set to go before a planning committee in August.

"This development would continue our work to regenerate Brownhills, which includes another 92 properties spread across schemes at Short Street, Wessex Close and Lyndon Drive that are already on site and are set for completion in March 2015. We also recently completed another 30-home scheme at Deakin Avenue."

Former Brownhills councillor David Turner, who has been pushing for new homes along with other councillors and community representatives for a number of years, said: "It is long overdue and I would welcome any development of the land that has been lying idle for quite some time.

"It is good news for Brownhills, it is going to get provide more people to shop on the High Street. It gives opportunities for people who wish to remain in Brownhills."

Pub plans on hold for Electric Palace



The Electric Palace, in High Street, Bloxwich, for which pub plans are awaiting approval on licensing

MOVES to open a new £1.5 million pub, creating up to 45 jobs, remain in the pipeline as bosses await licensing permission.

Pubs company JD Wetherspoon is looking to revamp the former cinema, the Electric Palace in Bloxwich, which was most recently used as a social hub used by youth and community organisations.

The pub chain unveiled its plans for the High Street building earlier this year.

Previous proposals to take over the nearby Bulls Head pub were scrapped last year.

JD Wetherspoon spokesman Eddie Gershon said: "The company has exchanged on the purchase of the property. It has planning permission but is awaiting licensing permission."

The most recent use of Electric Palace was as a youth centre but young people and community groups moved to alternative sites in 2011.

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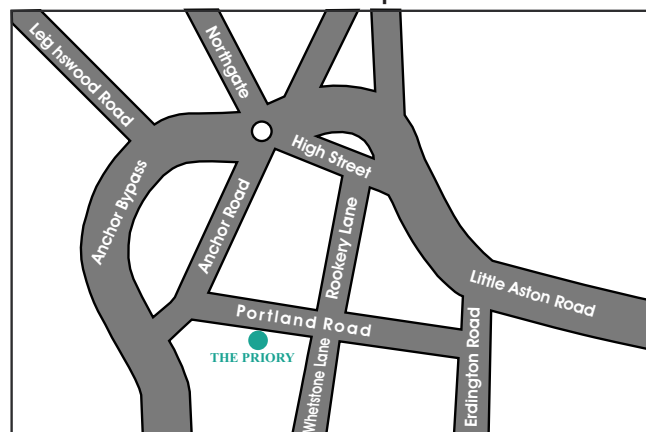
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Police warning over children on rail tracks

Last Post sounds for soldier



Front, bugler Roy Painter, with back, from left, Phil Evans, Eric Read, and Lou Brown to mark the anniversary of Lee Rigby's killing

A PERSONAL tribute was paid to murdered soldier Lee Rigby in the West Midlands a year after he was brutally killed.

The 25-year-old's brutal killing sparked shock across the country after he was run over with a car and then hacked to death by Michael Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale in Woolwich, south-east London.

Rebecca Rigby joined hundreds of people who travelled from all over the world to pay their respects outside the barracks where Fusilier Rigby was based. At the cenotaph in Pelsall village, local veterans also gathered. Staffordshire Regiment veteran and bugler Roy Painter

played the Last Post in remembrance of the stricken serviceman. Organiser Phil Evans said the village wanted to commemorate the date. The father-of-four has been involved in fundraising for Fusilier Rigby's son Jack, now three.

Just under £500 was raised at a football match at Pelsall Villa's ground last year but a summer fair on the common this bank holiday weekend had to be cancelled at the last minute as an application to the council to use the ground was submitted too late. Mr Evans, aged 62, of Riddings Crescent, Pelsall, said: "I was not too chuffed but that's in the past now."

POLICE are warning about the dangers of youngsters playing on railway tracks following a spate of 51 incidents in the West Midlands already this year.

Walsall was the worst hotspot for trespassing on railway lines, with 11 cases reported to British Transport Police since the start of the year.

Officers were also called to five separate incidents in the Stourbridge area with the rest at stations around Birmingham.

Police say many of these incidents involved children, and officers are now appealing for parents to ensure their children are aware of the dangers the railway network poses.

Inspector Stuart Middlemas of British Transport Police in Birmingham, said that as well as risking death or injury, anyone caught trespassing on the rail network faced a fine of up to £1,000.

He said officers had already spoken with schools and written to people living near railway lines, as well as stepping up patrols in the areas where problems have been reported. "During the lighter evenings and in school holidays, we traditionally see an increase in trespass offences on the railway," said Mr Middlemas.

Responsibility

"We are hoping that by targeting hot spot areas and highlighting the dangers of trespassing in an inherently dangerous environment, we will deter the majority of youngsters from playing or hanging around on the region's railway."

Mr Middlemas also asked parents and adults to take responsibility by emphasising the dangers to their children. "If you live near the railway, ask yourself 'do you know where your children are playing?'"

"This is not about stopping children having fun - it is about keeping them safe from harm. The last thing I or any other officer wants to do is knock on someone's door to tell a family their child has been killed or seriously injured as a result of them trespassing or playing on the railway."



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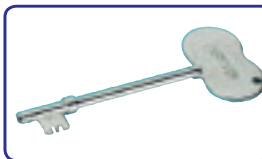
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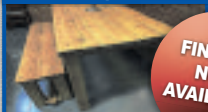
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Inspiring youngsters recognised at awards

YOUNG people across Walsall have been honoured for their hard work and determination during a special awards ceremony.

They were recognised for their outstanding achievements after more than 100 nominations.

Over 200 youngsters, family, friends and community representatives attended the recent Young People Awards at Walsall College.

The judging panel was made up of representatives from the council, police and other partners and saw Paige Jackson awarded Young Person of the Year 2014.

In 2010, Paige had to undergo surgery to repair a curvature of her spine which involved screwing metal rods to either side of her spine to allow it to straighten.

The keen netball player, who is now aged 16, persevered and worked through various obstacles to recover and has been back playing the sport she loves for the past two years.

Paige, who is doing her GCSEs at Aldridge School, said: "It feels really good to be recognised for the hard work I have put in. I also hope it shows other people that they can do the same."

"You can do anything you put your mind to, so never give up and never say 'can't'."

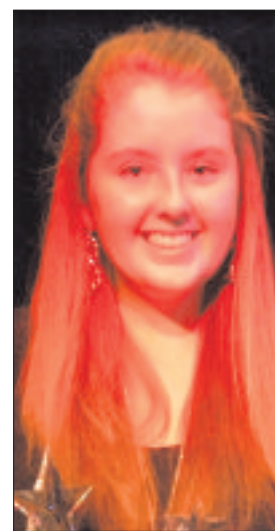
Six year-old Jordan-Lee Haldron, was awarded Child of the Year, for his determination and his achievements in music.

Since starting school at New Invention Infant School in Willenhall, Jordan-Lee took a keen interest in music, particularly piano lessons.

Jordan-Lee was born deaf and communicates using British Sign Language and Sign Supported English (SSE). His parents Emma and James Haldron said: "We are over the



Jordan-Lee Haldron, aged six



Award - Paige Jackson, 16

moon. We know how much he loves his piano lessons and it is so lovely for him to be given this award.

"We can't praise his school and his teachers enough for all their work with him. He amazes us with all the things he does and we are so proud."

The young people's bravery award was presented to model patient Crystal Bradford after undergoing a heart operation.

Timothy Holden was recognised for personal achievement in arts and music for his artwork on how the world sees him. The citizenship and

community award went to the Willenhall Young Leaders group and Bradley Hesom, vice president of Walsall College students union, received the personal development prize.

The young entrepreneur award was presented to the Micro Tyco group for generating profits for global charities with just £1 seed capital.

The bravery award for children went to Tommy Lee Davis, a local youth inspector and Kaidi-Leigh Jones won the good friend and carer award for children for helping look after her brother.

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Nesting birds are real drag for smokers



One of the blue tit parents at the unlikely nest where chicks are due to hatch in the hotel's cigarette bin. A FAMILY of blue tits found an unlikely new home which nearly went up smoke – after they built their nest in a cigarette bin.

Smokers visiting the Fairlawns Hotel, in Aldridge, have been told to find an alternative ashtray since the birds moved in a fortnight ago. To protect the animals, a sign has now been placed on the bin warning: "Due to a blue tit nesting we ask that this cigarette bin is not used."

The mother bird lost no time in moving in, building a nest of moss, wool and leaves inside the 10-inch wall-mounted container. Hotel deputy manager Neil Wyatt said staff and guests are now eager to see the new arrivals when the chicks finally hatch.

He added: "The bin is only waist high, so we were very surprised the blue tits chose it for a home."

£80k hope on safety at danger blackspot

A MAIN route where an elderly pedestrian died after being hit by a car could be in line for up to £80,000 of safety improvements, it has emerged.

The busy A461 between Shelfield and Walsall Wood is being considered for action by Walsall Council after a number of accidents.

Firm plans and funding would need to be secured but it could see pedestrian refuges, better markings and surfacing and build-outs on High Street.

Highways officers have been looking at the stretch between Spring Road and Salter's Road after 10 accidents were reported there in the three years up to November 2013.

This was followed by the death of Arnold Clive Edwards in High Street after he crossed the road having picked up his morning paper in January this year.

Widower Mr Edwards, who went by his middle name Clive, was 88 and died in hospital after being hit by a Ford Mondeo at around 5.50am.

Aldridge North and Walsall Wood councillor Mike Flower said he was in support of improvements

by Craig Hughes

being carried out. "We have campaigned for a number of years to make improvements to the A461," he said.

"We would want the council to look at the High Street so there would be some proper crossing or refuge that is appropriate so that pedestrians can cross."

The development of the scheme would depend on the council getting the required funding. It is one of a number of projects being looked at by the authority over the next 12 months.

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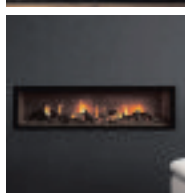
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Nurse retires after 40 years at hospital

SHE has cared for thousands of premature babies, nursing them to health.

But after exactly 40 years at Walsall Manor Hospital, nursery nurse Joan Hurley has decided to hang up her stethoscope.

The 67-year-old said she would miss seeing and being around babies every day and working alongside her colleagues - or her 'family' as she calls them.

"I'll miss the babies but I'll also miss my colleagues," she said. "We were all so close and just like one big family."

Mrs Hurley, who lives in Field Road, Bloxwich, started at the hospital in 1974 after landing a job as a nursery nurse. Before that she worked at Coalpool Nursery School in Walsall and she trained to be a nurse at Bilston College.

As a neonatal nurse she had to care for premature babies when they were born, taking their temperatures, checking their blood sugar levels and feeding them.

Mrs Hurley, who has three children of her own and three grandchildren with another two on the way, recalled one baby born on the ward who weighed just 1lb and 4oz.

"She was so tiny but she gained weight and survived," Mrs Hurley said. "I've always loved seeing the babies progress and then finally leave hospital with their parents. Some of the babies were with us for four or five months which is quite a long time."

Another highlight was working alongside midwife Nicky Heath, who she had cared for as a baby when she was born at the Manor Hospital.

Mrs Hurley added: "I worked with Nicky for about 15 years. It was strange seeing her after all those years. I didn't know who she was until she mentioned it. I do remember her as a baby. Some babies stick in your mind but I must have cared for thousands so I can't remember them all."

On her last day at work, Mrs Hurley enjoyed a tea party with her col-



Retiring neo natal nurse Joan Hurley with her Manor Hospital workmates

leagues on the neonatal ward. Then some of her closest workmates took her to Calderfields Hotel in Walsall for a knees-up. Mrs Hurley said she would be spending her spare time in her much-loved garden, tending to her homegrown vegetables.

And she added she'd be spending more time with her family and going on holidays with her husband Michael, who is a painter and decorator.

Angela Bubalo, acting matron on the neonatal unit, said Mrs Hurley would

be sorely missed. She said: "Joan was clearly a significant member of the team and her loss will be felt across the service."

"However after a lifetime's service, the trust can fully understand why she has made what must have been a very difficult decision on her part to retire."

"Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust would like to take this opportunity to thank Joan personally for all of her hard work and dedication to the service."

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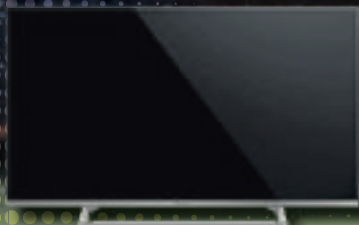
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Bob's the job for fundraiser Scarlett



Assistant manager Claire Wilson cuts Scarlett Sephton's long locks at Wilson Hair, Wardle Lane, Great Wyrley

AN EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD girl has had her long locks cut off – and will donate them to a charity that makes wigs for children with cancer.

Scarlett Sephton's waist-length hair has been replaced with a bob, with more than 1ft of hair coming off.

It will go to the Little Princess Trust, which helps children who have lost their hair during cancer treatment.

Avid Wolves fan Scarlett has also raised more than £850 in sponsorship, which will also go to the charity – and she hopes to reach £1,000 soon.

The pupil at Glenthorne Community Primary in Cheslyn Hay was inspired to help the charity after watching BBC Children in Need with her family.

Her mother Gemma, a till worker in Tesco, said: "She saw a film about a girl with leukaemia and it really upset her. It was playing on her mind and, as she needed her hair cutting, I told her she had plenty of hair that she could donate to charity. As soon as I said that she was dead set on it, and we decided to raise money as well."

Uproar at latest plan for gipsy site boost

NEW plans have been submitted for the expansion of a gipsy caravan site on greenbelt land in South Staffordshire, it has emerged.

The development would see the installation of seven new caravan pitches and two utility buildings in Bursnips Road in Essington. Parish councillors have voted unanimously against the plans.

They say the extension would have a damaging impact on green belt land. The proposals come after an application for a 15-pitch caravan site on the same land were thrown out by South Staffordshire Council earlier this year. Both applications were put forward by the same man, Mr Clee, who has lived at the site since 1987 with his family, who are Romany gypsies.

South Staffordshire councillor David Clift, who is also chairman of Essington Parish Council, said: "This is basically a scaled down version of a previous application." Councillors again voted in favour of recommending refusal on the grounds of encroachment into the green belt. "This is something we want to preserve. The proposed development would also have a negative impact on the local infrastructure in the village."

by Peter Madeley

The new pitches would create space to cater for four gipsy families. "At the moment there are already four sites in the village, which is more than enough to accommodate the needs of the travelling community," said Cllr Clift. "Unfortunately we have one set of planning laws for the settled community and another set for the travelling community."

Cllr Clift added he has called-in the application to come before South Staffordshire Council's regulatory committee. The final decision will be made by South Staffordshire Council later this year.

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Sisters' 10k run in memory of father



Sisters Anna Poole, left, and Rachel Pickering, gearing up for their 10km run in memory of their father

TWO sisters took on a 10km run in memory of their father, who died of cancer.

Anna Poole, aged 32, of Cheslyn Hay and Rachel Pickering, 31, of Stafford ran the Bupa 10km Race in London on Sunday.

They took part to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK following the death of their father Stephen, an accountant in Walsall, at the age of 61.

Rachel was due to marry her fiancé James Braddock this month but brought the date forward to March in the hope her father could attend. But he passed away in February.

The ceremony is now taking place in October at St Mark's Church in Great Wyrley - and Rachel is hoping to use the run as a way of getting in shape for her big day.

She has a year-old son Otto, while Anna has two sons Noah, three, and Darcey, one.

Rachel said: "I think there is a real lack of understanding of pancreatic cancer.

"We were really shocked when he got the diagnosis and we wanted to try to make a difference. We know our dad would have been proud of us."

Lessons to be learned with first aid online

PUPILS in Cheslyn Hay have been invited to take part in a lesson with a difference - a first aid session that will be streamed live into classrooms.

More than 125 schools - including Cheslyn Hay Sport & Community High - are being encouraged to take part in the first ever Big First Aid lesson, a free hour-long online tutorial, on Friday, June 20.

New research shows 98 per cent of teachers in the West Midlands think it's vital for young people to learn essential first aid skills in school. Yet only 24 per cent offer training.

by Simon Stone

Growing

The interactive programme is aimed at students aged between seven and 16-years-old.

Nick Pitt, West Midlands regional schools training officer for St John Ambulance, said: "We believe first aid should be as much a part of growing up as learning to cross the road.

"Because it's not compulsory on the national curriculum, only a minority of children would know what to do if one of their classmates, or a member of their

family became ill or injured. It only takes an hour to learn how to save a life, but it could be the most important lesson students learn."

Cheslyn Hay Sport & Community High has more than 1,300 students and places a big emphasis on learning first aid with wellbeing days held during Years 7, 8 and 9 all featuring some first aid training. It also trains Year 11 and 12 students as part of the curriculum and presents a young first aid award.

Lynne Podmore, head of the school's personal wellbeing department, said: "We believe learning first aid is an important part of the students' all-round education."

Live shows due at venue

COMEDY and live music will be on offer at a Black Country venue later this year. The Black Country Show is taking place at Leamore's Forest Arts Centre, in Walsall, on September 17.

The show will feature compere and comedian Doug Parker, along with vocalist Maggie O'Hara.

The show starts at 1.30pm. There will also be live music at the venue from The Barry Schmidt Bavarian Band on July 17 from 1.30pm.

Tickets cost £6 for each show. Call 0845 111 2898 to book.

School now on right track, say inspectors

LEADERS at a school placed in special measures by Ofsted last year have 'gained momentum in bringing about much-needed change', inspectors have said.

Palfrey Junior School, which has 360 pupils on roll, was deemed 'inadequate' following an inspection in November. But inspectors have now said the school has a 'suitable' action plan in place to drive forward improvements.

by Lisa O'Brien

However, a new report did say that monitoring and evaluation procedures set out by the local authority 'lack clarity'.

It has also revealed that two teachers had left the school since the inspection last year and three full-time and two part-time teachers had been appointed.

Class sizes in years 5 and 6 have been reduced, with some pupils receiving extra maths tuition. Two governors have resigned and posts for four governors have been advertised.

In the report, inspector Peter Humphries said: "As a result of the uncertainty surrounding the leadership of the school, leaders were initially slow to respond with the necessary urgency to the issues raised at the inspection in November 2013. However, leaders throughout the school have now gained momentum in bringing about much-needed change."

The report said all teaching staff have a responsibility to oversee and coordinate at least one subject area but it was not clear how they will be monitored.

Meetings have been introduced to review pupils progress and teachers have access to a greater range of pupil data to enable staff to plan appropriate learning opportunities, according to

inspectors. Mr Humphries said: "Support for the teaching of mathematics, particularly for the most able pupils, has been received from a local secondary school."

"Information provided by the school indicates that, overall, pupils are making expected progress in mathematics in Years 4, 5 and 6, but not yet in Year 3."

"Pupils' progress in writing remains an issue, particularly in Years 5 and 6. School leaders are aware of this and have planned appropriate training for staff and intervention for pupils."

According to the report, the governing body has taken action to ensure that all governors are more informed about all aspects of school performance. It said the school had a suitable action plan to improve weaknesses but the local authority's action plan was 'not fit for purpose'.

Mr Humphries said: "Monitoring and evaluation procedures lack clarity, so it is unclear how the local authority will ensure that the school remains on track to improve."

The school, in Dale Street, is one of around a dozen borough schools that were placed in special measures since November last year.

Fitness centre in pipeline at storage space

A STORAGE space in Wilenhall is poised to be transformed into a fitness centre, under new plans.

Conker Fitness has lodged plans to move into the unit in Frederick William Street.

The business runs classes from yoga and spin classes to fitness boot camps.

A planning report, submitted with the application, reads: "To reach our goal of spreading health and wellbeing within the community, we need a larger premises to incorporate more members coming to the classes."

"We are also hugely passionate about offering

classes, and activities for children – both alongside adult's classes, and as family classes."

It said the business was currently working with schools to increase pupils' activity levels. The planning report added: "Conker Fitness is truly about giving back to the community, and putting something into it."

"A focus of ours will also be to get involvement of younger members of the community, with older members - increasing activity levels in the older generations." A decision on the proposals is due to be made by planning chiefs in the upcoming months.

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The Americans (ITV, 10.20pm)

Over the past couple of years The Americans has attracted a cult following on this side of the Pond, and there's a good chance these final two episodes will leave fans perched on the edge of their seats. This week, Arkady finally plays his hand, and Stan (Noah Emmerich) is forced into an unenviable decision. Meanwhile, Philip (Matthew Rhys) attempts to prep Fred for a vital mission and Elizabeth (Keri Russell) desperately tries to get Jared out. In the season finale, Nina's fate rests in Stan's hands, and Henry and Paige are moved to a safe house. Holly Taylor, Keidrich Sellati, Noah Emmerich, Richard Thomas, Susan Misner, Alison Wright, Lev Gorn, Annet Mahendru, Costa Ronin and Lee Tergesen also star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Live Triathlon. The ITU World Triathlon Series meeting from Hyland Park, London. **5.10** Film: How to Train Your Dragon. (2010) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jay Baruchel.

6.40 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **7.00 Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman quiz more famous faces, inviting four pairs of TV academics to take on the challenge. The teams are broadcaster Clemency Burton-Hill and doctor-turned-funnyman Graeme Garden. TV historian Dan Snow and Countdown word expert Susie Dent, doctor and TV presenter Michael Mosley and BBC business correspondents Robert Peston and Steph McGovern. (R)

7.50 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. Gaby Roslin presents the Lotto and Thunderball draws, with music by Matt Cardle.

8.40 Casualty. A barrister is angry to have been replaced on a case by a colleague, and as she dashes from court she collides with a cyclist. However, when Jeff and Tamzin arrive, it soon becomes clear the woman's problems are more mental than physical. A teenager is brought in after collapsing and as Connie tries to find the cause, she also has to deal with his overbearing father, who is struggling to come to terms with his son's sexuality.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. A hypnotist provides the entertainment at the triplets' baptism – and Agnes soon finds herself under his spell. Meanwhile, Mark delivers some heart-breaking news. (R)

10.00 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Film: Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time. (2010) Fantasy adventure, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Gemma Arterton. **12.05** Film: The Uninvited. (2009) **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 The Pallisers. (R) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** World Cup Films. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **1.00** Robert Mitchum: Talking Pictures. **1.35** Film: Build My Gallows High. (1947) Film noir, starring Robert Mitchum. **3.05** Film: Fire Down Below. (1957) Romantic drama, starring Rita Hayworth and Robert Mitchum. **5.00** Plog II! (R)

6.00 Natural World: Meet the Monkeys. Wildlife cameraman Colin Stafford-Johnson travels to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi to examine the lives of Celebes crested macaques, which are found nowhere else in the world. He teams up with a local biologist to get to know some of the characters in the troop and reveal their habits, and learns that the species has become endangered due to an illegal trade in its meat, which is seen as a delicacy. (R) **7.00 Sir Kenneth Clark: Portrait of a Civilised Man – A Culture Show Special.** A profile of the broadcaster and art historian to coincide with a Tate Britain exhibition about him, revealing a contradictory character who transformed the UK's cultural landscape.

8.00 Fawtly Towers. Basil goes to great lengths to prove a guest has smuggled a woman into his room, but instead keeps being caught in compromising situations with a young Australian woman. (R)

8.35 The Goodies. A gigantic kitten terrorises London, leaving the three friends as the only ones who can save the city. Comedy, starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie. (R)

9.05 I Love 1973. Noddy Holder presents a nostalgic look back at 1973, when his band Slade were at the height of their success, the latest fashion fad was the parka and Kojak was a TV hit. (R)

10.05 Top of the Pops Christmas 1978. Noel Edmonds presents a festive edition of the music show, featuring Darts, Abba, Boy Me, Rose Royce, Bee Gees, Wings, Kate Bush and Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta. (R)

11.05 The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold. (R)

12.35 Film: Mean Streets. (1973) **2.20** This is BBC Two. **5.40** Film: Beautiful But Dangerous. (1954)

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6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.20** Storage Hoarders. (R) **1.20** Film: Beethoven's 5th. (2003) **3.05** 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **4.05** Off Their Rockers. (R) **4.35** Tipping Point: Lucky Star. (R) **5.35** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.45** ITV News: Weather.

6.00 Let Me Entertain You. Viewers' videos for Beyonce and LMFAO hits, Freddie Mercury impersonators, and a musical showdown between aerial hoopists and workers at a hearing dogs for the deaf home.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! Comedian Harry Hill puts his own spin on viewers' clips, featuring the Mafia moving to the Lake District and Harry himself challenging Vij Reeves to a game of walnut golf.

7.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the last live semi-final, which sees nine acts compete for the remaining two slots in the final and the chance to appear at this year's Royal Variety Performance. The results are at 9.30pm.

8.30 World Cup Epic Fails. Angus Deayton celebrates the funny side of the football tournament, from cringeworthy opening ceremonies and dreadful songs to previously unseen presenter out-takes.

9.30 Britain's Got Talent Results. The act who most impressed the public receives a ticket to the final, while the judges offer the last remaining place to one of the runners-up. Ant and Dec present.

10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.20 The Americans. Arkady finally plays his hand, forcing Stan into an unenviable decision, Philip tries to prepare Fred for a crucial mission and Elizabeth rushes to get Jared out.

11.15 The Americans. Nina finds her fate is in Stan's hands, while Paige and Henry are moved to a safe house as parents Philip and Elizabeth complete their latest mission. Last in the series.

12.10 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** Film Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.20** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, York and Newmarket. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Martin Young hosts the final dinner party in Chelmsford, Essex, throwing a Caribbean-themed evening before the winner of the £1,000 prize is announced. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.05 The Restoration Man. George Clarke meets builders Ian and Jayne Hall Edwards, who want to turn a derelict Victorian school in Pencader, Carmarthenshire, into a place of business and a family home. (R)

8.00 Grand Designs. Royal Marine captain Jon's life changed for ever when he stepped onto a land mine in Afghanistan and lost three limbs. After viewing many uninspired specialist homes and considering awkward conversions, he and partner Becky realised their best option was to build a property themselves. The design is cutting-edge, with sleek glass walls, open-plan spaces and a dramatic wing-like roof, and the couple want there to be no noticeable adaptations. However, they soon use up their budget of £250,000 and encounter problems with their incredibly tight schedule. Kevin McCloud follows their progress. (R)

9.00 Film: Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance. (2011) Premiere. The demon biker returns to the big screen, looking for a way to rid himself of his supernatural alter ego. He is approached by a mysterious monk, who needs help protecting a boy from the horrific destiny the Devil has in store for him. Fantasy thriller sequel, starring Nicolas Cage, Idris Elba, Clarian Hinds and Christopher Lambert.

10.50 Film: The Firm. (1993) Thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Gene Hackman.

1.45 Film: Semi-Pro. (2008) **3.15** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.20** Four Rooms. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.05** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **10.30** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **11.35** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) **1.20** Film: Raid on Rommel. (1971) Second World War adventure, starring Richard Burton. **3.15** Film: The Dam Busters. (1954) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Michael Redgrave. **5.45** What the Dambusters Did Next. (R)

7.00 Cricket on 5: Fourth ODI. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from the fourth encounter in the five-match one-day international series, which was staged at Lord's. England's record here in this format in recent years is distinctly average, with just two victories from their last nine matches, including a six-wicket defeat to the Sri Lankans in 2011. With commentary by Michael Vaughan, Geoffrey Boycott and Simon Hughes.

8.00 5 News Weekend.

8.10 Longmire. Walt investigates the murder of two teenagers who were acquitted of raping a Cheyenne girl and points the blame to the victim's brother exacting revenge. Last in the series.

8.55 NCIS. Tony and Ziva visit Paris to escort Nora Williams, the key witness in an embezzlement case, back to America – but on the return flight they realise an assassin has boarded the plane with them, determined to ensure she never reaches home soil to testify. Crime drama, starring Michael Weatherly and Cote de Pablo. (R)

9.55 NCIS. Tony and Ziva track a suspected terrorist to a warehouse, where they find traces of radioactive metal – together with evidence suggesting a nuclear attack on Washington, DC, is being planned. Unfortunately, news of the threat leaks out to the public, triggering widespread panic. Naval crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

10.55 NCIS. Gibbs' former mother-in-law surfaces as a witness in a murder investigation, and it transpires the victim had ties to a drug cartel that killed the agent's first wife and daughter. (R)

11.55 Access. Showbiz news and gossip.

12.00 Sportscasino. **3.10** Car Crime UK: Caught on Camera. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three **7.00** Doctor Who **8.30** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** World Cup's Best Ever Goals. Ever! **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.15** Russell Howard's Good News **1.45** World Cup's Best Ever Goals. Ever! **2.40** Sweets the Small Stuff **3.10** C-Bomb **3.30** Russell Howard's Good News **4.00** Close

BBC Four **7.00** Amazon Abyss **8.00** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **9.00** Wallander **10.30** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes **11.30** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Avalanches **12.30** History of the Eagles **1.35** Top of the Pops: 1979 **2.20** Sounds of the 70s **2** Reggae – Stir It Up **2.50** The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion **3.50** Close

ITV2 **11.25** Fearnie and McBusted **1.25** You've Been Framed! Full Throttle **2.25** You've Been Framed! Extreme! **3.35** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.20** Film: Dungeons and Dragons (2000) **7.25** Film: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **10.00** Britain's Got More Talent **11.05** Film: Fast & Furious (2009) **1.15** Viral Tap **1.55** Britain's Got More Talent **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 **12.45** Northanger Abbey **2.45** Lewis **4.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** Lewis **2.00** Judge Judy **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4 **9.00** TT 2014 **10.00** Premiership Rugby Union **11.00** Film: The Killer Inside Me (2010) **1.15** TT 2014 **2.15** Nitro Circus **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping

E4 **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** Youngers **4.35** Rude (sh) Tube **5.30** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00** Film: Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)

11.10 The Big Bang Theory **12.05** The Intebewneters **1.10** Rude Tube: Epic Fails **2.15** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** The Cleveland Show **3.45** Glee

Film4 **1.00** The Addams Family (1991) **2.55** Honey, I Shrank the Kids (1989) **4.45** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **6.30** The Legend of Zorro (2005) **9.00** A Time to Kill (1996) **11.55** 28 Weeks Later (2007)

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Michael Flatley: A Night to Remember (ITV, 8pm) Marking the 20th anniversary of Riverdance, this entertainment special hosted by Christine Bleakley sees Michael Flatley take to the stage to perform on British TV for the first time in more than a decade, accompanied by his troupe of 30 dancers and musicians. The renowned choreographer also looks back on his career, and former Girls Aloud singer Nadine Coyle performs the title song to his new show Lord of the Dance - Dangerous Games. Friends and fans including Bruce Forsyth also pay tribute.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Countryfile. (R) **2.10** Flog It! **3.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.55** Brazil with Michael Palin. (R) **4.55** Points of View. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.30** BBC News; Weather. **7.00** **Countryfile.** Matt Baker visits Waddesdon Manor, once owned by the powerful Rothschild family, revealing the links between the estate and the Wildlife Trust. Ellie Harrison is nearby in Wendover Woods, discovering creatures great and small, from tiny bats to a mythical beast loved by children everywhere. John Craven finds out about the traditional art of printing using boxwood, Tom Heap asks the developers of the HS2 high-speed train whether they can live up to their environmental promise of no loss to biodiversity and Adam Hanson searches for a new bull on the Queen's Balmoral estate. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** The experts visit the home of the Royal Ballet School in Richmond Park, London, where items include a table made of timber from Old London Bridge and a musical chamber pot. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations. **9.00** **Quirke.** The family has been rocked by the revelation that Quirke is the natural father of Phoebe, prompting her to move out and take up with a dangerous man called Leslie White. The name soon becomes familiar to the pathologist, who is investigating two apparent suicides – one a rich society woman, the other the wife of a former student – and when he is led into Dublin's seedy underworld of drugs and erotica, he has reason to fear for his daughter's safety. Crime drama set in the 1950s, starring Gabriel Byrne. **10.30** BBC News; Weather. **10.55** **Regional Programme.** **11.25** **Film: Ghost Town.** (2008) A bad-tempered dentist gains the ability to see ghosts and is forced to help them sort out their unresolved problems. Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais. **1.00** Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

7.05 The Pallisers. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** World Cup Films. **10.40** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **12.00** Live Rowing. The European Championships. **1.45** **Film: The Victors.** (1963) Second World War drama, starring George Peppard. **4.15** Live Women's FA Cup Final. Everton v Arsenal (Kick-off 4.30pm). **7.00** **Tropic of Cancer.** Simon Reeve continues to trace the path of the northern tropic around the globe, joining travellers on the coast of Western Sahara to partake in the extreme sport of kite surfing, and meeting activists who campaign for indigenous people's rights. He continues on through the world's largest minefield, takes a gruelling train ride across Mauritania and visits huge refugee camps in the Algerian desert. (R) **8.00** **I Bought a Rainforest.** New series. Wildlife cameraman Charlie Hamilton James has bought 100 acres of the Peruvian rainforest, a strategic purchase he hopes will stop loggers entering the Manu National Park and illegally cutting down trees. In the first edition, he establishes camp and gets his bearings, only to discover he has not bought the pristine virgin rainforest of his dreams, but instead an area of secondary forest complete with a squatter, cocaine crops and evidence suggesting that he may have some dangerous neighbours. **9.00** **Britain's Greatest Pilot: The Extraordinary Story of Captain Winkle Brown.** Former Royal Navy officer and test pilot Captain Eric "Winkle" Brown has flown more types of aircraft than anyone in history and is regarded as one of the best pilots Britain has produced. In this programme, the 95-year-old chats to James Holland about his flying experiences and encounters with Nazis, as well as other adventures leading up to and during the Second World War, illustrated by archive and personal photographs. **10.00** **D-Day: The Last Heroes.** Part one of two. Dan Snow examines how meticulous planning, espionage and 3D aerial photos helped the Allied forces gain a foothold in northern France in June 1944. (R) **11.00** **D-Day: The Last Heroes.** (R) **12.00** **Film: Battle in Seattle.** (2007) **1.35** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.30** Holby City. (R) **3.30** This is BBC Two.

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CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** British F3 International Series. **7.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.30** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.50** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** The Simpsons. (R) **3.50** **Film: Chalet Girl.** (2011) Comedy, starring Felicity Jones. **5.40** Deal or No Deal. **6.35** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Four Rooms.** Daters Gordon Watson, Celia Sawyer, Alex Proud and David Sonnenthal dig deep into their pockets for a retro arcade machine, a rare collection of JRR Tolkien first-edition books, a celebrity sports kit and show-stopping shoes. Meeting each potential purchaser in a separate room, the sellers must judge when to part with their valuable items and when to reject an offer. Presented by Anita Rani. **8.00** **For the Love of Cars.** Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead have travelled the barns and lock-ups of Britain to find and painstakingly restore six classic vehicles. Now it's time for their pride-and-joy collection to be shipped off to one of the nation's largest and most prestigious car auctions to face their last, and greatest, challenge – the buying public. The auction room fills with some familiar faces as the Ford Escort Mexico, Mini Cooper Mk1, Triumph Stag, Land Rover Series 1, MG-TG and DeLorean DMC-12 all go under the hammer. Last in the series. **9.00** **Fargo.** As Malvo seeks answers, Lester schemes to obtain a few of his own, but is the insurance salesman in too deep? Meanwhile, Molly and Gus try to get past a setback in the murder investigation. Continuing the American drama inspired by the Coen brothers' hit film, starring Billy Bob Thornton, Martin Freeman and Allison Tolman. **10.05** **Film: The Change-Up.** (2011) Premiere. Two friends envy each other's life, but when they magically switch bodies, they learn the other does not have it so easy. Comedy, with Jason Bateman and Ryan Reynolds. **12.10** **Film: Meet the Spartans.** (2008) **1.35** Southland. **2.20** Utopia. (R) **3.15** Dog's Mercury. (R) **3.40** Building the Dream. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Maddy. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Access. (R) **11.25** Ultimate Police Interceptors. **11.55** **Film: Street Fighter.** (1994) **1.50** **Film: Richie Rich.** (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **3.40** **Film: Big Daddy.** (1999) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **5.25** **Film: Open Season 2.** (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Joel McHale. **7.00** **5 News Weekend.** **7.05** **Film: Jackie Chan's The Medallion.** (2003) An evil crime lord tries to capture a boy who has supernatural powers, but a team of international police officers is on his trail. One of the cops is killed saving the child, who resurrects him using a magical medallion. The revived detective now has superhuman abilities, which he uses to protect the youngster. Comedy adventure, with Jackie Chan, Lee Evans, Julian Sands, Claire Forlani and John Rhys-Davies. Edited for violence. **9.00** **Film: Resident Evil: Extinction.** (2007) Zombie-fighting heroine Alice comes out of hiding to protect a group of refugees in a post-apocalyptic wasteland overrun by the walking dead. Meanwhile, the sinister corporation that created the zombie virus is about to embark on its most dangerous experiment yet. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Milla Jovovich, Oded Fehr and Ali Larter. **10.35** **Film: Blade II.** (2002) The vampire slayer teams up with his enemies to battle mutants preying on both the living and the undead. Fantasy action thriller sequel, with Wesley Snipes and Kris Kristofferson. **12.45** SuperCasino. **3.10** Classic Car Rescue. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three **7.00** Top Gear. **8.00** The World Cup's 50 Greatest Moments **10.00** In the Flesh **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **12.30** Sweet the Small Stuff **1.00** Jonah from Tonga **1.25** In the Flesh **2.25** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.55** In the Flesh **3.55** Close **BBC Four** **7.00** Cleopatra: Portrait of a Killer. **8.00** The Town That Loves Books: BBC Arts at Hay **9.00** Dylan Thomas: A Poet's Guide **10.00** Under Milk Wood in Pictures: Peter Blake Does Dylan **10.30** Under Milk Wood **11.30** Troubadours: The Rise of the Singer-Songwriter **12.55** Searching for Sugar Man: Storyville **2.15** Sounds of the 70s **2** Troubadours – Peaceful Easy Feeling **2.45** Dylan Thomas: A Poet's Guide **3.45** Close **ITV2** **11.00** You've Been Framed! **11.35** **Film: Twister** (1996) **1.45** **Film: Dungeons and Dragons** (2000) **3.55** Britain's Got Talent **5.25** Britain's Got Talent Results **5.50** Britain's Got More Talent **6.55** You've Been Framed! **7.15** **Film: Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi** (1983) **10.00** Viral Tap **10.50** **Film: Something Borrowed** (2011) **1.05** Viral Tap **1.45** The Vampire Diaries **2.30** Life's Funniest Moments **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** **ITV2** Nightscreen **ITV3** **11.35** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.40** Rosemary & Thyme **2.45** Live French Open Tennis. The middle Sunday of the Grand Slam at Roland Garros, Paris. **8.00** Lewis **10.00** **Film: The Hours** (2002) **12.25** William and Mary **1.30** Lewis **3.25** **ITV3** Nightscreen **4.00** Emmerdale **ITV4** **3.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. **7.25** Highway Patrol **7.55** French Open Tennis **9.00** **TT** 2014 **10.00** **Film: TT: Closer to the Edge** (2011) **12.10** The Unridables **1.15** **TT** 2014 **2.15** Warren United **2.45** **ITV4** Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **E4** **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** **Troy** **8.00** **Film: Stardust** (2007) **10.35** The Inbetweeners **11.40** The Big Bang Theory **12.35** Rude Tube: Epic Falls **1.35** **Troy** **2.35** Rules of Engagement **3.20** **2** Broke Girls **3.45** Hollyoaks **Film4** **11.00** Georgie (1955) **1.00** Home Alone **3** (1997) **3.00** Inkeheart (2008) **5.05** Meet Dave (2008) **6.55** The Wedding Planner (2001) **9.00** Die Hard 4.0 (2007) **11.30** Conviction (2010) **1.35** Looking for Eric (2009) **3.55** Close

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MONDAY

The Devil's Advocate, Channel 5, 11pm

A hotshot lawyer is lured away from his provincial practice to work for a powerful big-city law firm. However, he gradually comes to realise that his charismatic new boss is none other than Satan himself, who has a special plan in mind for the ambitious attorney. Supernatural thriller, starring Al Pacino. (1997)


TUESDAY

Daylight, ITV, 10.35pm

A devastating explosion in the New Jersey Tunnel causes a horrific pile-up, trapping a group of motorists underground. A former emergency worker witnesses the blast and heads in to guide the handful of survivors to safety before the waters of the Hudson river above them break through and flood the tunnel. Disaster movie, starring Sylvester Stallone, Amy Brenneman, Viggo Mortensen and Claire Bloom. (1996)

Swingers, BBC1, 11.50pm

Struggling actor Mike's confidence is shattered when his girlfriend breaks up with him. His charismatic friend Trent refuses to let him wallow in self pity, and hurls the lovesick Mike into the Hollywood singles scene in the hope of him acquiring some new female company and getting his self-esteem back. Comedy, starring Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn. (1996)



The Devil's Advocate, Monday, Channel 5, 11pm

WEDNESDAY

The Other Man, BBC1, 11.15pm

A husband learns his wife is having an affair when he discovers provocative photos of her with another man. He resolves to track down her lover and exact his revenge but when he confronts the man about his misdeeds, he instead strikes up an unlikely friendship, making him question whether he should continue with his vengeful scheme. Drama, starring Liam Neeson, Antonio Banderas and Laura Linney. (2008)

THURSDAY

The Perfect Assistant, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman becomes obsessively infatuated with her boss, but does not act on her desires out of respect for his family. However, when his wife becomes seriously ill, she sees an opportunity to murder her, so the object of her affection will be available. Thriller, starring Josie Davis, Chris Potter and Sophie Gendron. (2008)

FRIDAY

Cape Fear, ITV, 10.35pm

A psychopathic rapist is released from prison and plots revenge on the defence attorney he blames for his imprisonment. Thriller remake, starring Robert De Niro, Nick Nolte, Jessica Lange, Juliette Lewis and Gregory Peck. (1991)

Pick of the Week

Comedians do their bit for a worthy cause

It's that time of the year again, when the great and the good of the comedy world gather at London's O2 to perform in front of a packed audience while raising money for the Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.

Actually, the gig itself took place on May 16, with tickets snapped up weeks in advance, despite some of them costing a rather lofty £150. Mind you, the sheer number of outstanding performers on view means that you could argue it was very good value.

So if you weren't lucky enough to get one, couldn't afford it, or it was too far to travel, fret not because Channel 4 is broadcasting the show in its entirety.

Those included in the line-up are Aisling Bea, Alan Carr, Jack Dee, Jason Byrne, Jason Manford, Jo Brand, Jon Richardson, John Bishop, Jonathan Ross, Josh Widdicombe, Kevin Bridges, Lee Evans, Michael McIntyre, Paddy McGuinness, Paul Chowdhry, Sean Lock, Seann Walsh and Warwick Davis.

Also featured are Adam Hills, who's fast becoming the face of Channel 4 thanks to his series The Last Leg and hosting celebrity versions of Fifteen to One (another of which can be seen on Friday), and Kerry Goddman, who's well known for her starring role as Hannah in Ricky Gervais's kind-hearted comedy drama Derek.

While we're all guffawing at their on-stage antics, it's easy to forget the good cause the entertainers are raising money for.

According to the charity's website, funds from the event will go towards a brand-new operating theatre at the hospital that will aid surgeons in their efforts to treat an increased number of children with rare and often life-threatening conditions.

So far, the previous four Comedy Galas have raised an impressive £2.5million, for which Tim Johnson, Chief Executive of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, is very grateful.

"Around one in three inpatients at Great Ormond Street Hospital will have surgery at some point during their stay, so it's vital for us to have modern, world-class surgical facilities," says Johnson. "The money raised by Channel 4's Comedy Gala is helping us make a real difference for patients and families from across the UK."

This year's gala is particularly poignant because it's dedicated to the memory of Addison Cresswell, who came up with the idea for the show.

Cresswell was a tour de force in the comedy world, acting as the agent for many of those appearing at the Gala, including Brand, Ross and Dee.

He died suddenly of a heart attack in December last year, after which a spokesman said: "Addison leaves behind a proud legacy in his tireless charity work, initiating and organising the annual Channel 4 Comedy Gala in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital."

"It was his dearest wish to raise enough to fund the opening of a brand-new wing of the hospital, a goal that is now in sight."

It's fitting that many of those whose careers he gave at least a nudge to over the years are giving up their time to help a worthy cause that was so close to his heart.



Channel 4's Comedy Gala 2014, Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Secret Life of Cats

ITV, 9pm

An insight into the world of the much-loved pet, using new filming techniques to uncover the qualities possessed by every cat, from pedigree breeds to ordinary household moggies. The documentary, narrated by Martin Clunes, reveals how these animals employ acute senses and excellent balance to explore their surroundings, and tells some remarkable stories, from the surprising relationship between a blind Labrador and his feline friend, to the cat that survived falling from a 19th-floor flat. Secret Life of Babies is tomorrow at 9pm.

WEDNESDAY

Live International Football

ITV, 7.30pm

The build-up to England's World Cup campaign continues with this friendly against Ecuador, which represents the penultimate match before Roy Hodgson's men take to the field for their Group D opener against Italy in 10 days' time. The fixture takes place at the Sunlife Stadium in Miami, as England look to acclimatise to an increase in temperature and humidity that is likely to be such a factor in Brazil. Ecuador are a largely unknown quantity for England, with the nations having met on just two occasions, the last of which was in the 2006 World Cup when a David Beckham goal was all that separated the sides, allowing England to progress to the quarter-finals.

THURSDAY

Big Brother: Power Trip

Live Launch

Channel 5, 9pm

New series. Emma Willis hosts the first of

the world of infants. But which one's better? Hang on, Harry Hill already tried to find that out on TV Burp years ago... Instead, this documentary uses scientific research to reveal what it's like to be a baby from their perspective. Their lives are confusing enough, so when the programme then places them in a string of unusual situations, from experiencing 100-metre heights to towering over miniature buildings, the babies' reactions are fascinating. There's also some inspiring personal stories, including the tale of the six-month-old who was blown off a pier in his pushchair – and, incredibly, lived to tell (well, gurgle) the tale.

FRIDAY

Farewell Tina

ITV, 8pm

She had the brightest smile and the deepest tan in Weatherfield, but sadly barmaid Tina McIntyre is no longer around to bring a little sunshine to our screens. The Coronation Street character met a sticky end this week, but while soap fans try to come to terms with her loss, this documentary tells the story of Tina's alter ego, actress Michelle Keegan. We get to see just how perfect she was for the part as Michelle watches her 2007 audition tape for the first time.

FRIDAY

D-Day 70: The Heroes Return

BBC2, 8pm

Huw Edwards presents highlights of today's events from Normandy commemorating the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings by Allied troops. Normandy '44: The Battle Beyond D-Day can be seen at 9.30pm.



Farewell Tina, Friday, ITV, 8pm

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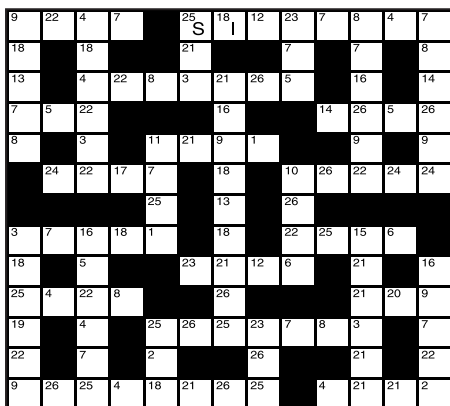
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

T	U	J	C	A	W	M	S	I	H	B	V	Q
G	E	R	P	K	Y	O	D	F	Z	X	N	L

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

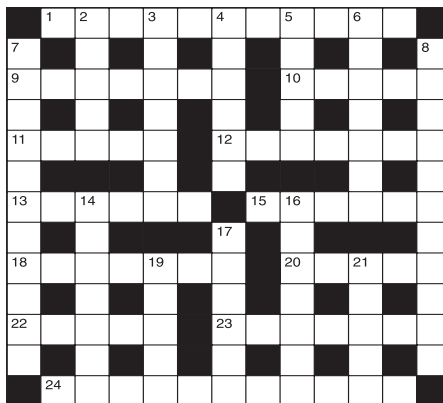
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- It has been burned lately by students (8,3)
- No clear remedy for the old boy (7)
- A striker in a game (5)
- Go into some apparently open terms (5)
- Singer shows there's nothing in turning the corner (7)
- Officer commanding worship is mystic (6)
- Stick to commercial in this place (6)
- Urge to act miles up (7)
- Heather I care about (5)
- Listened to egg-head in difficult surroundings (5)
- The actors were first to have moved on the board (7)
- Angrily took food to excess (11)

Down

- Let in as a member of the group (5)
- There's no side to him, of course (7)
- Sounds like a musical country (6)
- The time of the bright emporium (5)
- Concentrated tennis out East (7)
- Leave the darkness to be revealed (4,2,5)
- Do they make the workers under them pay? (6,5)
- Tip a can for the officer (7)
- Part of the bedroom furniture? No! (7)
- Do drinkers find it stormy? (6)
- 50 on the rim of the shelf (5)
- At home with a tenant in coastal feature (5)



Quick Clues:

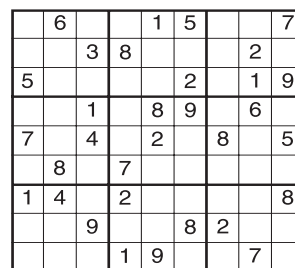
Across

- Destroying (11)
- Airman (7)
- Unaccompanied (5)
- Kingly (5)
- Draw (7)
- Renounce (6)
- Result (6)
- Erase (7)
- Unfeeling (5)
- Change (5)
- Building (7)
- Discipline (11)

Down

- Looking at (5)
- Nominal (7)
- Illusory (6)
- Pamphlet (5)
- Profane (7)
- Road (11)
- Abstainer (11)
- Zeus (7)
- Clique (7)
- Annul (6)
- Cherish (5)
- Parts (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	3	9	7	8	5	4	2	6
4	6	5	3	1	2	7	8	9
2	7	8	4	9	6	5	1	3
9	4	1	2	7	3	8	6	5
8	2	6	9	5	4	3	7	1
7	5	3	1	6	8	2	5	4
6	1	4	8	3	7	9	5	2
5	8	2	6	4	9	1	3	7
3	9	7	5	2	1	6	4	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Outclass; 5 Maid; 9 Mean; 10 Magazine; 11 Lemon; 12 Lurking; 13 As weak as water; 18 Floodlit; 19 Aids; 20 Begonia; 21 Melon; 22 Ends; 23 Aspirate. Down: 2 Useless; 3 Console; 4 Small capitals; 6 Animate; 7 Dredger; 8 Marrow; 13 Afloat; 14 Wronged; 15 Ardent; 16 Amateur; 17 Endmost. QUICK - Across: 1 Gracious; 5 Flag; 9 Anon; 10 Disclose; 11 Bower; 12 Turnout; 13 Inadvertently; 18 Spacious; 19 Gone; 20 Augment; 21 Debar; 22 Tame; 23 Addition. Down: 2 Run-down; 3 Content; 4 Uninterrupted; 6 Lookout; 7 Greatly; 8 Scarce; 13 Instant; 14 Amalgam; 15 Veiled; 16 Neglect; 17 Long ago.

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**Victoria Avenue
Bloxwich**



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- Lounge & Two Further Reception Rooms
- Large Mature Rear Garden
- First Floor Family Bathroom

- Ground Floor Guest Wc
- Double Glazed As Stated
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- Two Large Reception Rooms
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Viewing

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- En Suite To Master Bedroom
- Energy Rating B, Upstairs Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£139,950**

Viewing

**Water Reed Grove
Walsall**



- Contemporary Style End Town House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge Incorporating Dining Area
- Enclosed Rear Garden, First Floor Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£124,950**

Viewing

**Jowetts Lane
West Bromwich**

NEW



- Extended End Terrace
- Three Reception Rooms
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Energy Rating C
- Easily Maintained Gardens

- Garage To Rear
- Double Glazed Windows
- Gas Central Heating, Extended Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£117,950**

Viewing

**Jonfield Gardens
Great Barr**



- Modern Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate, Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£115,000**

Viewing

**Laburnum Grove
Bentley**



- Mid Terrace Property
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Lounge Incorporating Dining Area
- EPC Rating E, Contemporary Style Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£107,950**

Viewing

**Birchfield Way
South Walsall**



- Well Presented Semi Detached Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Immaculate Through Lounge
- Rear Garden
- Spacious Conservatory

Viewing

- First Floor Contemporary Style Shower Room
- Double Glazed As Stated
- Gas Central Heating System, Dining Room & Modern Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£104,950**

Viewing

**Pennyroyal Close
Tame Bridge**

NEW



- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Energy Rating TBC, Double Glazed As Stated

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,950**

Viewing

**Cunningham Road
Bentley**



- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Through Lounge
- Energy Rating TBC
- Gas Central Heating System

Viewing

NEW



- Off Road Parking To Fore
- Rear Garden
- Sought After Bentley Location, Kitchen & Utility Room

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,950**

Viewing

**Davy Road
Walsall**



- End Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Sitting Room
- Internal Inspection Essential, Breakfast Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£95,000**

Viewing

**Hunter Crescent
Walsall**



- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Separate Dining Room
- Energy Rating C, Contemporary Style Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£92,500**

Viewing

**Barton Street
West Bromwich**

REDUCED



- Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- No Upward Chain
- EPC Rating D, Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**

Viewing

**Hollyhedge Lane
Walsall**



- Traditional Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Ongoing Chain, Recently Installed Modern

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**

Viewing

**Dora Street
Walsall**



- Mid Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Viewing Essential, First Floor Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**

Viewing

**Pimpnel Drive
Tame Bridge**



- One Bedroom House
- Lounge & Kitchen
- First Floor Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Parking

Viewing: **£76,950**

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**Banks's Stadium, Walsall
Football Club, Bescot
Crescent, Walsall, WS1 4SA**

Lot 1 Sandwell Street Walsall

Viewing: 30th May at 11.00am



Internal viewing of this Victorian end terrace is recommended to appreciate the spacious well appointed and maintained accommodation which benefits from gas central heating and uPVC double glazing would make an ideal purchase for an investor or owner occupier. The property comprises: Through Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, W.C., Two Double Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom. Outside: Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £68,000 - £78,000

Lot 4 Castlefort Road Walsall

Viewing: 30th May at 1.30pm



In need of some modernisation, this traditional semi detached residence is set on a larger than average plot and offers well planned gas centrally heated and part double glazed accommodation ideal for an investor for first time buyer. Conveniently located the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, basic Kitchen, Outbuildings, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and good sized Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £90,000 PLUS

Lot 6 Walhouse Road Walsall

Viewing: Strictly By Appointment



A traditionally styled three bedroom semi detached property situated in a sought after residential location. In need of some modernisation and improvement, the property which offers ease of access to town centre, motorways and schools for children of all ages offers gas fired central heating and some uPVC double glazing and briefly comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Front Living Room, Rear Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Sun Room, Guest W.C., Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Outside: Good Sized Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating F

GUIDE PRICE £110,000 - £130,000

Lot 7 Ida Road Walsall

Viewing: 30th May at 12.15pm



In need of some improvement this semi detached property is located close to the Manor Hospital and lends itself to an investor or owner occupier. Cash offers are invited for the property which comprises the following part double glazed and centrally heated accommodation Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lobby with W.C lean to Verandah, Three Bedrooms, W.C, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £65,000 - £75,000

Lot 8 Glebe Street Walsall

Viewing: 30th May at 11.30am



This former Day Care Centre consists of two self-contained, centrally heated and mainly double glazed buildings, lending themselves to a number of alternative uses. 28 Glebe Street (2 storey) comprises 5 offices, Kitchen and W.C's. Archway Centre (single storey) comprises Hallway, 2 large Activity Rooms, Kitchen, 4 Offices, 3 W.C's. Outside: Car Park.

GUIDE PRICE £130,000 PLUS

Lot 9 Wayford Glade Willenhall

Viewing: 31st May 11.00am - 2.00pm



This modern gas centrally heated and double glazed semi-detached residence is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac and would make an ideal purchase for an investor. Cash offers only are invited for the property which comprises Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, fore and rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £90,000 PLUS

Lot 10 Beech Court Walsall

Viewing: 30th May at 10.30am



Conveniently located on the outskirts of Walsall town centre this purpose built first floor flat is an ideal investment opportunity. The well appointed and planned accommodation comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with Shower, Communal Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 - £60,000

Lot 11 Leighswood Road Aldridge

Viewing: 30th May at 1.00pm



This former café comes with its own self contained living accommodation and would make an ideal investment. Set on a prominent corner plot on the outskirts of Aldridge village the gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation comprises self contained Shop with prep Area, House with Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Rear garden with off street Parking.

GUIDE PRICE £105,000 PLUS

Lot 12 Bradford Street Walsall

Viewing: Strictly By Appointment



Town centre freehold shop/office unit set over three floors with split level ground floor retail area with office and W.C., Basement with Kitchenette, Store and W.C., Lower Basement Storage, Four Ancillary Rooms, Rear Parking.

GUIDE PRICE £99,000 PLUS

Lot 14 Shannon Drive Walsall

Viewing: Strictly By Appointment



A well presented mid terraced property, offering a perfect investment opportunity, currently let on a 12 month Assured Shorthold Tenancy at £440 PCM. Cash offers only are invited for the property which comprises Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £55,000 PLUS

Lot 15 Elmsdale Court Walsall

Viewing: Strictly By Appointment



A purpose built first second flat, sold as an investment currently let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy at £410pcm. Situated just outside Walsall town centre the well located double glazed accommodation comprises Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom, Outside communal Gardens, Carport.

GUIDE PRICE £49,000 PLUS

Lot 16 Pool Street Walsall

Viewing: 2nd June 11am - 12pm



Situated close to Walsall town centre this former Children's Day Care Centre/Clinic lends itself to a number of uses. With a number of rooms the detached building also comes with its own parking. The centrally heated accommodation briefly comprises: Reception Area with W.C.'s off, 2 large Activity Rooms, Soft and Wet Play Areas, 3 Offices, 2 Kitchens, additional W.C's, Changing Rooms. Outside: Functional Play Area, Car Parking and Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £100,000 - £120,000

Lot 19 Mouse Hill Walsall

Viewing: 29th May 2.30pm



Occupying a prominent corner position on the corner of Foundry Lane and Mouse Hill, this Freehold shop has additional self contained living accommodation and would make an ideal investment. Conveniently located the property comprises:- Retail Shop, Two Store Areas, Lobby, Three Additional Rooms, Lobby, Further Lobby with W.C. Self contained Flat with Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom, Outside is a small Enclosed Yard. The property benefits from a single car parking space on the left hand side of the land adjacent to No. 4 Foundry Lane.

GUIDE PRICE £100,000 - £120,000

Lot 21 Ridgeway Court Walsall

Viewing: Strictly By Appointment



A purpose built first floor maisonette conveniently located and making an ideal investment purchase. With gas central heating and double glazing the property comprises: Reception Hall, Open plan Lounge with fitted Kitchen inner Hallway with Store, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower. Communal gardens and Parking area.

GUIDE PRICE £40,000 - £50,000

Lot 22 Blakenall Garage Walsall

Viewing: Strictly by appointment



Set in a prominent position in the centre of Blakenall, this Garage site has been trading for a number of years as a MOT test centre, motor repairs and Petrol Station. Occupying a 1/4 acre plot, the site could be ripe for redevelopment (subject to planning). The property is set back and comprises: Service Bay, Store Room, Workshop, Office, Store, Reception Area, Office, Store, Show Room, Self Contained First Floor Flat: a part double glazed and centrally heated flat in need of some modernisation. Landing, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C. Outside: Large forecourt, side and rear yards.

GUIDE PRICE £200,000 PLUS

Lot 23 Sutton Road Walsall

Viewing: Strictly by Appointment



Traditionally styled semi-detached residence situated on the much sought after Sutton Road in the South Walsall district of Walsall occupying a good plot and gas fired central heating and predominantly double glazed accommodation conveniently located for all amenities and comprising: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £160,000 - £180,000

Lot 25 Landywood Lane Cheslyn Hay

Viewing: 31 May 10.30 & 3 June 3.00



In need of modernisation this traditionally styled semi detached property is conveniently located in a popular residential area. Normal finance of the property may prove difficult due to mining issues so the property is an ideal opportunity for a builder or buy to let landlord. The property comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage/Utility Room, Lean To, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £80,000 PLUS

Lot 26 Samuel Street Bloxwich

Viewing: 29th May 2.00pm



Situated just off Bloxwich High Street, this semi detached property is in need of full modernisation and improvement. With original aluminium double glazing and part central heating the property would suit a developer or investor and comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Porch, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Driveway, Rear Garden.

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 PLUS

Lot 27 Lincoln Road Walsall

Viewing: 30th May at 2.15pm



This traditionally styled gas centrally heated and part double glazed semi detached residence is in need of modernisation. Situated in the popular Chucky area the property is set on wide frontage with double garage and comprises Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, Rear Porch, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.

GUIDE PRICE £120,000 PLUS

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NEW INSTRUCTION
FOR SALE
HAWKSWELL DR, HADLEY HEATH
One Bedroom End Townhouse
Located On Hadley Heath Estate.
Comprises Lounge, Modern Kitchen,
Bathroom And Bedroom. Also With
Off Road Parking And A Enclosed
Garden. The Property Is Fully Double
Glazed. Ideal First Time Buy!
£64,995



FOR SALE
VICTORIA ST, WILLENHALL
Well Presented Two Bed Mid
Terraced Property Having Two
Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen,
Two Double Bedrooms, Family
Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating,
IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY OR BUY
TO LET!
£74,995



FOR SALE
GIPSY LANE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Mid Terraced Property
Having Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted
Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom,
C/Heating, D/Glazing. Close To
Willenhall Town Centre Giving
Access To Good Local Amenities,
Schools and Transport Links. Great
Investment Property.
£74,995



FOR SALE
STEPHENSON AVE, BEECHDALE
Well Presented Two Bed End
Terrace Having Entrance Hall,
Spacious Rear Lounge, Fitted
Kitchen, Dining Room, Two Double
Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, C/
Heating, D/Glazing & Crete Print
Driveway.
£79,995



FOR SALE
TINTERN CRES, MOSSLEY
Spacious Three Bed Mid Terraced
Property Comprising Of Entrance
Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted
Kitchen And Family Bathroom. Also
With UPVC Double Glazing, Gas
Central Heating, Enclosed Rear
Garden And Off Road Parking To
The Front.
£84,995



FOR SALE
VICTORIA ST, WILLENHALL
Spacious Victorian Mid Terraced
Property Having Lounge, Dining
Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three
Bedrooms, First Floor Bathroom,
UPVC D/Glazing, Gas C/Heating
And Enclosed Rear Garden.
£85,000



FOR SALE
SQUIRES GR, NEW INVENTION
Two Bed Modern First Floor
Apartment Having Communal
Entrance Hall, Private Hallway,
Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen,
Two Double Bedrooms, Master With
En-Suite, Family Bathroom, Electric
Heating, UPVC Double Glazing And
Allocated Parking.
£89,995



FOR SALE
SQUIRES GROVE, NEW INVENTION
Two Bedroom First Floor
Apartment. Superbly Presented
Accommodation Comprising Of
Entrance Hall, Lounge, Modern
Fitted Kitchen, Two Good Sized
Bedrooms With En-Suite To Master
And Family Bathroom.
£89,950



FOR SALE
REDWOOD WAY, COPPICE FARM
Immaculately Presented One Bed
Ground Floor Flat Having Entrance
Hallway, Lounge, Modern Fitted
Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Modern
Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing,
C/Heating, Rear Garden And
Driveway.
£89,995



FOR SALE
CHAUCER AVE, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Mid Terraced Property
Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge,
Fitted Kitchen, Side Storage Area,
Two Double Bedrooms, Family
Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/
Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden.
£89,995



FOR SALE
POOLES LANE, SHORT HEATH
A Well Presented Three Bedroom End
Of Terrace Having Front Reception
Room, Rear Reception Room Being
Open Plan Into Modern Fitted Kitchen,
Ground Floor Family Bathroom, Three
Bedrooms, First Floor Separate W.C.,
D/Glazing, C/Heating, Good Sized
Rear Garden And No Upward Chain.
£89,995



FOR SALE
KEATS RD, SHORT HEATH
Well Presented, Spacious End Town
House. Comprises Of Lounge/
Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor
Wetroom, Three Bedrooms, Family
Bathroom, Separate W.C., Double
Glazing & Gas Central Heating.
£89,995



NEW INSTRUCTION
FOR SALE
LISTER ST, WILLENHALL
Two Bedroom Ground Floor
Apartment. Comprises Of Entrance
Hall, Lounge, Modern Fitted
Kitchen, Two Bedrooms And
Bathroom. Also With Garage And
Allocated Parking Space Behind A
Gated Entrance.
£89,995



FOR SALE
BLOXWICH RD, LEAMORE
Spacious Two Bed Semi Having
Entrance Porch, Entrance Hallway,
Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted
Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms,
Family Bathroom With Separate
Shower Cubicle, UPVC D/Glazing,
C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden
And Off Road Parking.
£95,000



NEW INSTRUCTION
FOR SALE
BENTON CL, WILLENHALL
Well Presented Three Bedroom
Mid Town House. Comprises Of
20ft Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen,
Lobby With Both W.C And Storage
Cupboard, Three Bedrooms And
Family Bathroom. Also Benefits
From UPVC Double Glazing And
Gas Central Heating.
£104,995



FOR SALE
WYCHBOLD CLOSE, NEW INVENTION
Well Presented Three Bed End
Town House Having Entrance
Porch, Hallway, Ground Floor
W.C, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Lounge,
Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing,
Majority C/Heating And Enclosed
Rear Garden.
£106,995



FOR SALE
LIME AVE, BENTLEY
Three Bedroom Mid Terrace House
Having Lounge, Dining Room Fitted
Kitchen, Separate Utility Area,
Three Bedrooms, Fitted Shower
Room, Separate W.C, D/Glazing, C/
Heating, Off Road Parking And Rear
Garden.
£109,995



FOR SALE
WILLENHALL ST, DARLASTON
Modern Three Bed Semi-Detached
Property Having Entrance
Hall, Modern Fitted Kitchen,
Lounge, Ground Floor W.C,
Three Bedrooms, Modern Family
Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing &
Allocated Parking.
£109,995



REDUCED
FOR SALE
THE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL
Modern Two Bed Semi Having
Lounge With Open Plan Staircase,
Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Two
Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/
Glazing, C/Heating, Block Paved
Driveway To The Fore Allowing Off
Road Parking For Two Vehicles And
A Private Enclosed Rear Garden.
£110,000



FOR SALE
ATLEE RD, BENTLEY
Three Bedroom Semi Detached
House. Comprises Of Entrance
Hall, Lounge / Diner, Conservatory,
Kitchen With Separate Utility
Area, Three Bedrooms And Family
Bathroom. Also With Off Road
Parking And Enclosed Rear Garden.
£117,500



FOR SALE
UPLANDS RD, PORTOBELLO
Extended Two Bedroom Family
Bungalow Having Entrance Porch,
Inner Hallway, Feature 20ft Lounge,
Separate Dining Room, Fitted
Kitchen, Utility Area, Two Double
Bedrooms, Family Bathroom With
Shower, Garage, C/Heating, UPVC
D/Glazing.
£119,995



FOR SALE
CASTLE DRIVE, WILLENHALL
Two Bedroom Semi Detached
Bungalow Located On The Popular
Hayes Estate. Comprising Of
Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner,
Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms And
Bathroom. Also With Garage And
Off Road Parking.
£124,995



SSTC
FOR SALE
GRIFFITHS DR, ASHMORE PARK
Three Bed Semi Detached House
Comprising Of Lounge, Modern
Kitchen/Diner, Utility Room, Three
Good Sized Bedrooms, Family
Bathroom, Corner Plot Giving
Gardens To Front, Rear & Side
Driveways.
£127,500



FOR SALE
STUBBINGTON CL, PORTOBELLO
Spacious Two Bedroom Detached
Bungalow, Comprises Of Entrance
Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Sunroom, Fitted Kitchen,
Two Double Bedrooms Both With Fitted
Wardrobes And Family Bathroom. Also
Benefiting From UPVC Double Glazing,
Gas Central Heating, Detached Garage
And Driveway. Good Transport Links To
Wolverhampton, Willenhall, Bilston & Walsall.
£129,995



FOR SALE
WOODSIDE WAY, SHORT HEATH
Well Presented Extended Two
Bedroom Semi Detached Property
Comprising Of Entrance Hall,
Lounge, Fitted Kitchen Diner, Two
Bedrooms, Family Bathroom And
Detached Garage, Part D/Glazing &
C/Heating. Must View!
£131,995



FOR SALE
SQUIRES GR, NEW INVENTION
Modern Two Bed End Town House
Comprising Of Entrance Hallway,
Ground Floor W.C, Fitted Kitchen,
Spacious Lounge, Two Double
Bedrooms Both With En-Suite, D/
Glazing, C/Heating And Separate
Garage.
£132,995



NEW INSTRUCTION
FOR SALE
RIDING WAY, SHORT HEATH
Semi Detached House Situated
In Short Heath, Comprises Of
Entrance Hall, Lounge With
Separate Dining Area, Fitted
Kitchen, Three Bedrooms And
Shower Room. Also Having
Driveway & Garage.
£134,950



FOR SALE
WILLOW GROVE, WILLENHALL
Three Storey Three Bed Town
House Having Entrance Hallway,
Ground Floor W.C, Lounge, Fitted
Kitchen, Two Bedrooms To The First
Floor, Family Bathroom, Master To
The Second Floor With En-Suite,
& Garage.
£134,950



FOR SALE
SANDRINGHAM AVE, W-HALL
Three Bed Semi Detached Property
Having Entrance Porch, Entrance
Hallway, Spacious Through Lounge/
Diner, Extended Kitchen, Refitted
Family Bathroom, Hardwood D/
Glazing, C/Heating, Garage &
Driveway.
£134,995



NEW INSTRUCTION
FOR SALE
BASALT CLOSE, REEDSWOOD
Modern End Town House
Comprising Of Fitted Kitchen,
Lounge/Diner, Three Bedrooms, En-
Suite, Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing,
C/Heating, Front & Rear Gardens,
Garage & Off Road Parking. Viewing
Recommended!
£139,995



FOR SALE
ALVINGTON CL, WILLENHALL
Four Bed Semi Having Entrance
Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/
Diner, Generous Conservatory,
Playroom/Bedroom Four, Refitted
Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/
Heating & Block Paved Driveway.
£140,000



FOR SALE
RAVENSROFT RD, WILLENHALL
Extended Semi Detached Adapted
To Allow For Disabled Living.
Comprising Of Lounge, Kitchen,
Dining Room And Adjoining Wet
Room, Three Good Sized Bedrooms
And Family Bathroom. Also With Off
Road Parking & Garage.
£142,500



FOR SALE
ENSBURY CLOSE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Link Detached Property
Located In A Quiet Cul-De-Sac
Comprising Of Entrance Porch,
Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room,
Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C,
Family Bathroom, C/Heating, D/
Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Detached
Garage And Block Paved Driveway.
£142,995



FOR SALE
LONGWOOD RISE, WILLENHALL
Immaculate Three Bed Detached
Property Comprises Of Spacious
Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/
Diner With Integrated Oven And Hob,
Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Family
Bathroom With Jacuzzi Bath, Double
Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Detached
Garage And Block Paved Driveway.
£157,995



FOR SALE
CASTLE DRIVE, WILLENHALL
Extended Four Bed Semi Having
Porch, Hallway, Modern Fitted Kitchen,
Lounge Opening Into A Generous
Dining Area, Utility, Ground Floor W.C,
Additional Sitting Room/Bedroom
Four, Three First Floor Bedrooms,
Modern Family Bathroom, D/Glazing,
C/Heating, Crete Print Driveway.
£159,995



REDUCED
FOR SALE
PRINCETHORPE RD, WILLENHALL
~~£162,995~~
Superbly
Presented Four Bedroom Town
House Comprising Of Lounge,
Ground Floor W.C, Sitting Room,
Modern Kitchen/Diner, Four
Bedrooms, En-suite Shower
Room To Master Bed And Family
Bathroom.
£164,995



FOR SALE
ABERFORD CL, WILLENHALL
Five Bed Semi Detached Having
Entrance Porch, Hallway, Two Reception
Rooms, Family Bathroom, Separate
Shower Room, D/Glazing, C/
Heating, Integral Garage, Front
& Rear Gardens. Cul-De-Sac
Location.
£167,995



FOR SALE
W-TON RD WEST, BENTLEY
Well Presented Four Bed Semi
Detached Property Having Lounge,
Stylish Breakfast Kitchen, 'P' Shaped
Conservatory, Three Bedrooms
To The First Floor, Bathroom With
Separate Steam Shower, Bedroom
Four To The Second Floor, D/
Glazing, C/Heating & Driveway.
£169,995



FOR SALE
HIGHMOOR CL, COPPICE FARM
Three Bed Detached Having Lounge,
Separate Dining Room With UPVC
Double Glazed French Doors,
Fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom
With Fitted Wardrobes, Two Further
Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/
Glazing, C/Heating, Garage And
Block Paved Driveway.
£169,995



FOR SALE
BIRCHTREE HOLLOW, WILLENHALL
Extended Five Bed Semi Detached
Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall,
Lounge Being Open Plan Into Dining
Area, Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility
Room, Ground Floor W.C, Additional
Sitting Room, Four/Five Bedrooms
And Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/
Heating, Block Paved Driveway.
£169,995



TO LET
THE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL
Immaculately Presented First Floor
One Bedroom Flat Comprising Of
Lounge, Double Bedroom, Modern
Fitted Kitchen, Modern Bathroom,
C/Heating, D/Glazing And Gated
Off Road Parking For One Vehicle
To The Rear. Must View!
£395 PCM



TO LET
BLOXWICH RD 5TH, W'HALL
Well Presented Two Bed Property
Comprising Of Two Reception
Rooms, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility,
Ground Floor W/C, Modern Fitted
Bathroom, C/Heating, Majority D/
Glazing And Rear Garden. Viewing
Recommended!
£460 PCM



TO LET
GREADIER ST, WILLENHALL
Two Bed Mid Terraced Property
Comprising Two Reception Rooms,
Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C,
Two Double Bedrooms, Family
Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing
And Private Enclosed Rear Garden.
£475 PCM



TO LET
SOWERS GDNS, W'HALL
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EPC: D.55

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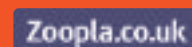
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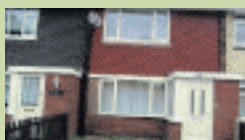
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Honda's automatic miracle

By John Griffiths

And now for something completely different: well, for me anyway.

Honda's new and much improved NC750S was designed to be a new style of fun but user-friendly form of two wheeler with the option of a hi-tech automatic gearbox. And it certainly adds a new dimension to motor-cycling.

If you have any preconceptions about auto gearboxes based on the traditional continuously variable transmissions (CVT) used on small scooters then forget it.

Honda's DCT system much more responsive, quicker and more efficient. It's an electronically-controlled

dual clutch system very similar to the 'DSG' used in Audis, VWs and some high performance sports cars.

It was first revealed about four years or so ago as an option on the big VFR1200 and the NC700, and that now fitted to the NC750 is effectively the second generation, mated in this case to a bike with more power and torque than its predecessor.

This was the first time that I had ridden a bike with this system and found it something of a revelation. It is almost, if not impossible, to stall, it's silky smooth and snatch-free at low speeds and one of the easiest bikes I've ever ridden.

Add to that its light weight, low centre of gravity and excellent balance, and it's ideal for town traffic as well as rewarding on the open road, too.

It wasn't built for sports bike performance, with a modest 54bhp from its 750cc twin cylinder engine. But that is 75cc larger than its NC750 predecessor and therefore comes with a useful extra helping of power and torque for surprisingly peppy performance.

The NC750S is an adventure style machine with a particularly comfortable saddle and upright riding position, providing comfort and an excellent view ahead. If you don't fancy the styling Honda has used the same underpinnings for the Integra – a big scooter – or the trailee styled 750X.

There's a lot of innovative design involved, particularly in making the 750cc twin one of the lightest engines of its kind. It's also fitted with balancer shafts which very successfully smooth out vibrations.

Once on the move I couldn't actually hear the engine above the wind in my helmet (the flip front kind which is, admittedly, notoriously noisy). That's a shame since while pulling away the slow 'thump thump' of a big twin was pleasantly nostalgic for those of us around in the Sixties.

The Honda also differs from most competitors in that it has a 'boot'. The fuel tank is under the seat, and what appears to be a tank in front of the saddle is in fact a lockable cargo space big enough to take a full-face helmet.

On the auto version, manual or auto gearchange mode is selected with a trigger switch on the right hand grip, while a thumb switch selects neutral, drive or sport modes.

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With your left hand (which, of course, has no clutch to worry about) you use either a finger or thumb for manual up or down changes. To be honest, I didn't bother much as for a riding style which goes with this kind of bike the auto mode is perfectly suited.

For the die-hards amongst us, a foot pedal for manual gearchanging is an optional extra.

In Drive mode the electronics get you into top (sixth) gear as soon as possible – usually under 40mph and will hold you there as long as it can. I found it the best choice around town and on the motorway, and it would no doubt reduce the risk of spinning up the back tyre in the wet.

There is the equivalent of a 'kick



down' for overtaking. Give the throttle a determined twist of the wrist and the electronics interpret your intentions, changing down one or two gears probably as quickly as most riders for a burst of acceleration.

Or you could just press the 'down' button a couple of times, of course.

Gear shifting is seamless at any speed adding to the bike's characteristic smoothness.

In Sport mode the gearbox hangs on to the lower gears for longer and to higher revs – you usually need to pass 60mph to get top for example – to make more of the Honda's performance potential.

I found it better than 'drive' for more challenging, twisty roads as it also changes down more readily, giving you more engine braking while setting up for a bend or roundabout. And more flexible drive and acceleration out the other side, naturally.

Drive mode is obviously the economical option, with a remarkable 81.6mpg average claimed for the NC750S.

That's Honda's figure but I don't doubt its accuracy. I chose some of the most challenging b-roads I know on the Welsh borders for the test ride, and even in Sport mode still averaged over 74mpg.

The bike's low centre of gravity and excellent frame make it a nimble, really 'flickable' machine, unlike some of the bigger, heavier enduro machines, which really flattered my riding style.

The NC750 has only one, instead of the usual two, discs at the front but braking is nevertheless well up to stopping a machine of this weight.

It probably won't appeal to the sports bike enthusiast, but with its user-friendly nature and economy, particularly around town, it may well tempt a few commuters on to two wheels.

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The Infiniti gives a buzz to the luxury end of market

By Bill McCarthy

Infiniti for many, could conjure up images of children's favourite Buzz Lightyear. So for those people still in the dark about Infiniti, the start of the Formula 1 season will give ample reminders.

The Japanese car maker, the luxury arm of Nissan, sponsors the Red Bull racing team. And while the brand, launched in the UK continues to grow slowly in the public's consciousness, it has been around for more than 25 years, gaining particular success in America.

The cars are at the executive, luxury end of the market and offer a combination of standout design, powerful engines and cutting edge technology.

They also offer a high level of standard equipment across the range, which can add many thousands to the prices of their competitors.

No better example perhaps of this is the new Q50, a luxury saloon which is packed with technology and features a new, 2.1 litre diesel engine sourced from Mercedes, plus a hybrid version. It also marks the first car in the Q or QX range, which will brand all their cars, right up to the Formula 1 Q100 driven by Sebastian Vettel.

It is an eye-catching car both inside and out and definitely food for thought for its German rivals. The turbocharged diesel gives the car decent acceleration and excellent economy, plus, importantly, low CO2 emissions which make it a real option in the all-important business sector. Emissions of just 114 g/km put it in the lowest benefit in kind taxation bracket and while the claimed 64-odd mpg average consumption seemed optimistic, the car was easily in the mid-50s range.

The 170PS diesel has plenty of urge, propelling the vehicle to 60mph from a standing start in just 8.5 seconds and on to a top speed of 144mpg. But it is not all about the power. This is a refined unit with little diesel clatter and what engine, road and wind noise there is, is effectively muffled by the car's soundproofing system. Transmission is delivered via a slick-shifting six speed gearbox sending drive to the rear wheels.

Another advantage is how the car looks, a distinct difference to the German market leaders and always attracting curiosity. It has flowing, yet muscular lines, eye-catching headlight and rear light clusters, twin exhausts twin, five-spoke 17-inch alloys and off course the Infiniti badge.

The exterior is also protected with the firm's 'healing' paint, which self repairs small scratches. Inside the car is both roomy and comfortable. It has the longest wheelbase in its class so both front and rear occupants get good head and leg room. It also features a huge 500 litre boot and the rear seat splits 60/40 for extra luggage space and there is access to the boot through the rear centre armrest. The layout of the dash and controls is neat and logical while the dash features a battery of hi-tech equipment, dominated by the central dual touchscreen which looks pretty much like a computer tablet with its swipeable screen.

For the most part fixtures and fittings are high class, but the expensive feeling soft touch finish in some areas is let down by some lower grade plastics. The steering wheel is also multi function and the car features the now-common-place push button starter. Needless to say luxury cars need to ride well and the Q50 is a comfortable car to be a passenger and driver and although perhaps not the most dynamic of models, it still feels sure footed and grips well on corners.

At just over £30k this is a lot of car for the money. Whether it can attract the potential buyers from the established German brands remains to be seen but throw in standard kit like Infiniti Drive Mode Selector, Bluetooth, rear view camera, zone adaptive climate control, six-speaker sound system and heated leather seats and it looks an attractive package.

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Mercedes joins great crossover revolution

By David Banner

It's not like Mercedes-Benz to miss out on an opportunity. There are few companies more committed to filling niches and sub-niches than the Stuttgarters, but if you had to nominate two that were even more opportunistic, you'd probably finger Audi and BMW.

Both companies have lined their pockets in this country with their smaller SUVs, Audi with the Q3 and Q5 and BMW with its X1 and X3 models.

Meanwhile, Mercedes has been left uncharacteristically bereft, with nothing comparable in its product range. Until now, that is.

The GLA Class is Mercedes' answer and it hasn't taken AMG long to get its hands on it and produce the vehicle we have here; the GLA 45 AMG. We've had A and CLA-class models with that suffix before and it spells all-wheel drive traction and a surfeit of power that's almost obscene.

Can it work in a higher-riding 'crossover' body? Audi's RS Q3 has demonstrated that a market exists. Can Mercedes trump Audi at its own game?

Fireworks

There's only one engine on offer but it is quite a powerplant. A 2.0-litre four-cylinder unit might not immediately promise great fireworks, but this one comprehensively trumps the 310PS 2.5-litre lump in the Audi RS Q3, developing a hefty 360PS from a relatively lightweight hand-built twin-scroll turbo engine.

Mercedes claims it to be the most powerful series-production four-cylinder turbo engine in the world and although you might well remember the odd Mitsubishi Evo with a few more ponies under the bonnet, for the time being at least it's impossible to argue with Mercedes' claim. This engine develops 450Nm of torque from just 2,250rpm, again incrementally better than the Audi's 418Nm.

Think zero to 62mph in just 4.8 seconds on the way to an electronically limited 155mph top speed. That's one fast crossover.

The styling of the GLA 45 AMG offers a neat third way if you find the A45 AMG too gawky and the CLA 45 AMG too weird. Of the three, it's probably got the most cohesive front to rear design and it's not too overdone.

The cabin gets some sporty touches, such as bolstered seats in Artico/Dinamica microfibre with red contrasting stitching and red seat belts.

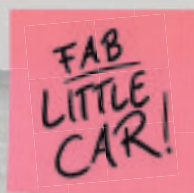
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Drivetime

Renault hits back in style

By Graham Breeze

The new Megane Coupe is likely to play a major part in completing the rescue of the ailing Renault brand.

It's not been a good time in Renault land of late but the GT Line Tom Tom 1.5 dCi is a real example of the company striking back with a flash of real style.

So how do you tell it's a GT Line model? At glance the sporting character of the Tom Tom versions is evident by the lower ride height – reduced by 12mm compared to standard models in the range.

The GT Line Megane has sporty looks and the diesel engine on the test car helped provide competitive performance with fantastic economy.

At the front there is a special bumper design with a reshaped central air intake.

Foglamps are housed in striking, dark chrome recesses either side of the bumper and there are black headlamp masks. It's different from behind too. The bumper has a lower section finished in the body colour, which incorporates an aerodynamic diffuser.

The lowered suspension gives the Coupe a firm ride though, and I expected a bit more feedback and response from the steering.

If you are looking to compare specs against main rivals such as Vauxhall Astra GTC and Volkswagen Scirocco you'll find the Megane a cheaper buy, but you might lose out when it comes to trading in.

The Coupe benefits from ABS with EBD brake assist, ASR traction control, Bluetooth, Tom Tom live satellite navigation, cruise control a stability control system.

The GT Line on test picked up rear parking sensors, aluminium sport pedals, Renaultsport styling leather steering wheel and seats, 17inch alloy wheels, tinted rear



The GT Line Megane has sport looks and the diesel engine on the test car helped provide competitive performance

windows. A leather pack with heated and height adjustable seats are an extra £1,250 but probably worth the money because this is a low car and finding the right individual seating position takes a little time.

There's plenty of space up front, but a sloping roofline means rear seat space headroom is limited and legroom hard to find. But there is a well-shaped and spacious boot which just passes the gold club test and is more than capable of carrying normal luggage loads.

There's a top speed of 118mph but it takes the 1.5 diesel 12.1 seconds to reach 62mph – I expected better.

But it's running costs that are this Renault stand out from the crowd with combined fuel figures of over 80 miles to the gallon.

A week's normal motoring normally costs me close on a tank of fuel – the Megane was still above half full and I was only emitting 90g/km of CO2 emissions.

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14/0520/FL
Mr Daniel Whitehouse
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14/0608/FL
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Saddlers will be strong, Chambers

ADAM CHAMBERS says Walsall will have a squad to again challenge in the top half of League One next season.

The Saddlers stand on the threshold of a big summer as manager Dean Smith looks to retain key players – including influential skipper Andy Butler – and bring in new faces to freshen up his squad.

Recently, the boss admitted he is hoping to make the first signings soon.

Veteran midfielder Chambers is hoping the majority of the squad stays together but is confident the club will be in a position to challenge, whatever moves might be made.

“We want to keep the squad and improve on it, obviously that is up to the players involved and the management,” he said.

“As a player it is beyond your control. The manager will make his decisions on who he wants to bring in but I’m confident that going into next season we will have a squad which can compete again and be looking to improve on last season.”

But Chambers, who signed a two-year deal last summer, also admits improvement is needed if a sustained assault on the play-offs is to be made.

O’Neil gets a new deal at Baggies

YOUNG Albion midfielder Liam O’Neil has signed a new contract tying him to the Baggies until 2016.

The 20-year-old academy product, who made his Premier League debut this season, has penned a one-year deal with a further year’s option in the club’s favour.

Albion director of football administration Richard Garlick said: “We are delighted to hand Liam a new deal.

“He made a significant leap forward during the second half of last season and showed great maturity.”

“Yet again, credit must go to our academy staff for bringing him through the ranks successfully.

“The final few months of the campaign were an invaluable experience for Liam in his footballing education.

“The test for him now is to see if he can flourish in and around the first-team squad next season.” O’Neil has followed former youth-team colleague Saido Berahino into the senior ranks.

New bosses for ladies side

WALSALL Ladies have appointed a new management team.

Lewis Jones and Josh Russell are to take over at the West Midlands Premier outfit with immediate effect, taking over from Lee Simpson. Jones is a former coach at Solihull, who play in the Midland Combination, a division above Walsall.

Russell is a schools football coach in Birmingham and has also been in charge of Solihull’s reserve team.

“Lewis was keen to step up and be a manager and we are happy to give him the chance,” explained Walsall Ladies chairman Brian Simpson.

Smith looking to fill hole left by Butler



Andy Butler – move

WALSALL are having to prepare for life without influential skipper Andy Butler as manager Dean Smith claimed potential replacements have already been identified.

Butler’s exit from the Banks’s has been confirmed when the Saddlers announced the centre-back had rejected the option to extend his contract by a further year.

The 30-year-old is believed to be negotiating with other clubs and has been strongly linked with a move to Sheffield United, although Scunthorpe United, Doncaster Rovers and Peterborough are said to be among a host of clubs interested in his services.

His departure will leave a big hole in the Saddlers defence but Smith says he and his coaching staff have been preparing for this scenario and have spoken to possible replacements.

“Andy was always honest with me from the start and at the end of the season he told me he

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has a really tough decision to make,” said Saddlers manager Smith.

“When he said that, I knew it could have gone either way.

“I have had to plan for this outcome and we have been doing that, with me and Richard (O’Kelly) and Neil Cutler speaking to a number of players and a number of agents over the last few weeks.”

Butler’s future had been the subject of speculation for several weeks and the news he is leaving will be hugely disappointing to many fans with whom he had become a strong favourite and a central figure for the team.

The former Huddersfield Town man has attained almost legendary status in three-and-a-half years at the club, since joining a free agent

Ibe’s hat-trick adds to England’s six appeal

England U-19s 6 Montenegro 0

MUCH has been made of the conditions facing England’s senior side in Brazil this summer.

On Saturday, their under-19 counterparts experienced the best and very worst the Midlands has to offer when they took on Montenegro at Walsall’s Banks’s Stadium.

But whether in sunshine or in torrential rain, England were simply too strong for their opponents as they cruised to a 6-0 victory in the first game of the European Championship Elite Round thanks to Jordan Ibe’s superb hat-trick.

Chelsea’s Lewis Baker, from the spot, and Southampton’s Sam Gallagher were also on the mark, while the finest strike of the bunch came from Aston Villa’s Callum Robinson deep into stoppage time.

It was all entertaining fare for the 1,897 who turned out to watch and perhaps a sign of brighter times to come for followers of the Three Lions – should any of these youngsters make the grade.

“We have some really good forward players,” said head coach Noel Blake afterwards.

Ibe’s fine opener came just as the heaviest down-pour was easing off. The Liverpool youngster, who spent last season on loan at Blues, ran 25 yards across goal with the ball before letting fly from just inside the area, his shot taking a deflection on its way into the bottom corner.

The torrential rain was back for the start of the second half but it was a different storm which hit Montenegro, as England struck four times in 12 minutes to end the game as a contest.

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Josh Murphy was first to find the target on 52 minutes when he tumbled under Licina’s challenge.

The Montenegro stopper correctly guessed Baker would send the spot-kick to his left but it was too quick and well-placed for him to do anything about it.

Five minutes later Ibe had his second, stroking home Matthew Targett’s cross first time after he had been played in on the left by Murphy.

Licina, who had so brilliantly denied Gallagher earlier in the game, then presented the striker with the fourth on a plate as he dropped a routine cross at his feet before Ibe side-footed home Murphy’s cross – after a fine run – to make it five with still 25 minutes on the clock.

Montenegro didn’t give up and Marko Lincic fizzed a free-kick over the bar, while Walton was forced into his only serious save when he tipped over Zarko Grbovic’s drive.

But Robinson rounded off an emphatic win for England when he sent a stunning shot into the top corner from 30 yards out in stoppage time.

“He (Robinson) has got that in the locker, he has a good dip on him,” added Blake.

Fans rushing to snap up new Wolves shirts



The new-look Wolves kit which has been flying off the shelves since Wolves got promoted to the Championship

SALES of Wolves’ new home shirts have topped 5,000 in just three weeks – the highest number sold since they last reached the Premier League in 2009.

A new delivery of the gold and black jerseys manufactured by Puma is set to arrive towards the end of June, but, in the meantime, there are still some limited sizes available after they flew off the shelves at the quickest rate in five years.

The shirts were launched in time for the final home game of the season against Carlisle – when they were worn by the first team for the first time – following the pop-up art gallery launch by head coach Kenny Jackett, captain Sam Ricketts and team-mates Carl Ikeme and Danny Bath.

The club say fans can pre-order their out-of-stock size now to secure their new home shirt as part of the next shipment. Fans can go online to www.wolvesmegastore.co.uk or visit the club’s outlets at Molineux or Dudley Street in Wolverhampton.

The new Puma away kit will be launched in July.

Wolves head of commercial affairs Paul Lakin said: “We’re delighted the home shirt has been so well received and the record sales speak for themselves.”

Wolves, meanwhile, have targeted two new signings by the time the squad returns for the start of pre-season training on June 25.

It is understood the club are seeking to make three or four additions before the window closes.

in November 2010. After being made captain when Smith took charge he played a huge part in the 2011 “Great Escape” and last season scored the winner in the famous win over the all-conquering Wolves at Molineux.

Smith believes Butler’s decision ultimately came down to the strain of commuting from his home near Doncaster.

“At his age it can be hard work when you have young kids and have to come down to train,” added Smith.

“I think we have had the best three-and-a-half years out of him. He has been brilliant.”

For Smith the work to maintain and build on his remaining squad now continues.

The manager has spoken to defensive duo Ben Purkiss and James Chambers this week and is hoping to have new deals for the pair confirmed in the coming days.

Marsh in final bow at the Banks’s

WALSALL legend Chris Marsh thanked fans and former team-mates as he bowed out at the Banks’s last week.

And the 44-year-old was adamant he is now “definitely done” following his final game, after years of turning out for the Legends side.

Marsh, who made 479 appearances for the club as a professional between 1988 and 2001, went out with a win as his Mad Dogs team of former greats beat a team of supporters 7-2 in front of 340-strong crowd.

Afterwards the former full-back admitted it was the right time to go.

“It’s a good time to go and it’s nice to finish on this pitch with great team-mates from over the years,” he said.

“The lads are great and banter is fantastic. I always said Walsall had great team spirit and it has shown today them all turning up.

“To finish on this pitch was lovely and that is me definitely done.”

The fans side, named the Cool Cats and made up of 24 competition winners, put in a commendable performance against a Legends team which included Mark Kinsella, Kris Taylor, Martin O’Connor and boss Dean Smith.

Benteke is not on sale, Lambert

PAUL LAMBERT has vowed he will not sell Christian Benteke and ruled out a Villa fire sale.

The boss will resist all attempts from clubs to sign the claret and blues’ stars but is wary others could cash in on Villa’s unsettled situation.

Benteke is currently out for at least another five months with an Achilles injury while Fabian Delph and Ron Vlaar only have a year left on their contracts.

But Lambert is determined to hold onto Villa’s stars to give them a fighting chance while the club searches for a new owner.

He said: “I think you’ll still have the final say with who came and who went. You would have that on your side.

“I don’t visualise anyone leaving without my permission, that’s fair to say.

“To be fair to Randy (Lerner), the chairman will let me decide over on that side.”

Stan handed MOTD2 role

FORMER Wolves, Villa and Stafford Rangers striker Stan Collymore is joining Match of the Day 2 as a guest pundit.

The 43-year-old ex-footballer-turned-broadcaster announced on Twitter that he will appear on the sister edition of the BBC’s flagship football show next season.

The talkSPORT presenter said: “‘Delighted to have been asked to guest on BBC MOTD 2 next season! Radio schedule willing. Come on!”

The move comes in the wake of Alan Hansen announcing he will retire following this summer’s World Cup after 22 years on the show.



Smith to talk over return for Lalkovic

DEAN SMITH admitted Milan Lalkovic could return to Walsall after being released by Chelsea.

The Saddlers boss revealed he will speak to the 21-year-old forward in the coming days.

Lalkovic, who spent the past season on loan at the Banks's, was told on Friday he will not be offered a new deal at Stamford Bridge. And Smith says the pair will be keeping in touch as the Slovakian mulls over his future.

"I have got to keep in touch with him because he expressed a desire to be called back around the end of May to see if he has got anything sorted," said Smith. "He would not rule out a move back here."

"He is going to have a look and see what else is out there first and so will we."

But there are several obstacles. Lalkovic would likely have to take a cut in wages, while there is reported interest from several other clubs, including Championship outfit Middlesbrough.

Lalkovic finished his campaign with a flourish on Saturday when he scored the only goal for Slovakia under-23s as they beat England C 1-0 in the International Challenge Trophy.

Albion have eye on strikers

STRIKERS Jonas Goncalves and Joselu have been linked with summer moves to Albion as QPR considered a fresh bid for Baggies defender Jonas Olsson.

Albion, who hope to narrow down their search for a new head coach to a final three by the end of the week, are lining up potential new recruits after beginning a summer clearout by shedding 10 players from their squad.

And eight-time Brazil international Jonas, who looks set to leave Valencia this summer, and German-based Spaniard Joselu, who is with Hoffenheim, have been mentioned as potential targets.

But the Baggies are also braced for possible fresh interest in Olsson, with QPR's promotion back to the Premier League triggering ambitious plans from Loftus Road boss Harry Redknapp.

Clement is the new favourite for Baggies No.1

REAL Madrid coach Paul Clement has emerged as a possible contender to be Albion's new boss after revealing he is ready to try his hand at management.

Clement, who helped Real win the European Cup on Saturday, is believed to be interested in the Hawthorns hotseat as he eyes up his first job as a 'No.1'.

The 42-year-old, who is the brother of former Baggies defender Neil Clement, was installed as odds-on favourite to succeed Pepe Mel as bookmakers slashed his price. Clement, who has assisted Carlo Ancelotti at Chelsea, Paris Saint Germain and Real,

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has long coveted a chance to manage his own side.

And, in the wake of Real's Champions League final win against Atletico Madrid on Saturday, he said: "I think the time for me to be a No.1 is soon."

"A few opportunities have come my way, but this (Real) is a difficult place to leave. It's a great club, a great city, a great tradition and it gives you the opportunity to win things."

"I'm not ruling anything out. It's more

than likely it will be in England, but if a nice opportunity came up in another country I wouldn't rule it out."

"Carlo has given me a lot of confidence and given me the belief that one day I can do it. But he hasn't kicked me out of the door just yet."

Clement failed to make the grade as a professional player and left football to train as a teacher before returning to the game as a coach with Chelsea's academy.

He assisted Guus Hiddink briefly during the Dutchman's first-team reign at Stamford Bridge but became a key member of

the first-team staff under Ancelotti, who then took Clement to Paris and Madrid.

He has carved out a reputation as an excellent coach and is likely to be of interest to Albion, who hope to complete a seven-man shortlist this week before narrowing the search down to three candidates to be interviewed by chairman Jeremy Peace. He has also been linked with the Brighton job.

But his lack of any managerial experience could count against him in the final reckoning. Clement has also been linked strongly with the manager's job at defeated Championship play-off semi-finalists Brighton.

£3,000 in darts contest

THE second annual Winmau BDO Wolverhampton Open is already attracting interest from around the UK and further afield, say organisers.

With a £3,000 prize fund (£1,000 to the champion) and a place in the 2014 Winmau World Masters and 2015 Lakeside World Championship Play-offs on offer for the winner, this year's tournament is sure to be hotly contested by the world's best players and local talent.

The tournament will be staged at Wolverhampton Sports Arena, Racecourse Road on Saturday August 23.

One of the first players to sign up is double World Champion Ted Hankey, who is fighting back to fitness after a stroke. To register to play in this event, please send a cheque or postal order for £10 along with your name, postal address and email address to The Competition Secretary, British Darts Organisation, Unit 4, Glan-y-Llyn Industrial Estate, Taff's Well, Cardiff, CF15 7JD. Please include an SAE if you require confirmation of your entry. The closing date is Monday August 18.

Blues nearer to a takeover

A TAKEOVER at Birmingham City appeared to be edging closer after it was confirmed an offer has been made to buy part of the club.

Blues parent company, Birmingham International Holdings, confirmed the offer to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The firm will only sell a maximum of 24 per cent of its stake.

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketley, Telford, Thursday, May 29

SADDLERS ALERT AS ASHLEY GOES

WALSALL are now on alert over Febian Brandy as Ashley Hemmings waved goodbye to the Banks's Stadium.

Hemmings posted on Twitter this week to confirm he will be leaving the Saddlers when his playing contract expires next month.

The 23-year-old has been on loan at League Two Burton Albion since March but did not feature in the Brewers League Two play-off final defeat to Fleetwood yesterday, failing to make the bench.

Hemmings, who joined the Saddlers two years ago after being released by Wolves, posted: "Finally the end of the season and so gutted for the boys at @burtonalbion who've worked so hard an (sic) deserved to get promoted.. the best for them in the future.. An (sic) I hope the best for everyone at @WFCOfficial as well.."

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"My time there has come (sic) to an end.. Been ups an downs but I've learnt a lot an enjoyed my 2 years there.. Thank you all."

Though it is yet to be confirmed by the club, Hemmings' departure will not come as a major surprise.

Despite scoring five goals last season, the winger then found himself struggling for consistency after a bright start to the campaign and then found himself firmly out in the cold when the Saddlers resigned Brandy on loan in the January.

It is the latter's future which will now be of greater interest to fans, after reports in Yorkshire suggested

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Sheffield United are prepared to let the 25-year-old go for the right price.

Brandy has struggled to settle at Bramall Lane since moving there last summer when his contract at the Banks's expired and looks increasingly surplus to requirements, following the Blades signing of former Notts County wideman Jamal Campbell-Ryce. This of course means the Saddlers are keeping a keen eye on events.

After bagging four goals during an impressive loan spell back with the Saddlers, boss Dean Smith and Brandy are now keen on a permanent return but several obstacles appear to be standing in the way before that can become a reality.

But Brandy still has a year left on his deal with the Blades, who are unlikely to let him go for free.

The Saddlers have not paid out for a transfer fee since 2005 which was when they bought James Constable from Chippenham Town for £4,000 - with the last significant sum being the £150,000 used to buy Jorge Leitao from Feirense in 2000.

Pitmen's Trophy heroes enjoy big reunion



Hednesford's 2004 FA Trophy-winning squad are reunited. Pics: Colin Rogers

HEDNESFORD Town legend Chris Brindley said his FA Trophy-winning moment was the best of his career as the cup heroes convened for a 10-year reunion.

Keys Park celebrated a decade since the greatest moment in the club's history when defender Brindley scored the winner while serving as player-assistant manager. Brindley had earlier scored and own goal to put Canvey Island ahead at Villa

Park, but popped up at the other end to put the Pitmen 3-2 ahead with just four minutes to go.

It remains the finest moment in the club's history.

And Brindley, born and bred from the area and publican of the Cross Keys just a short walk from the ground, said it was great to see his old team-mates and former boss Barry Powell.

He said: "It was a real good night,

there was only one or two from the original squad that didn't turn up and it was great to remember it all over again."

"It's my home-town club, so to score the winner in that game has to go down as my greatest moment as a player."

"It was a fantastic day for everyone involved with Hednesford. It's hard to think it's already been a decade."

